North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on March 13th at 9:30 a.m. CDT., via Teams.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members
☒ Dr. John Warford, Chair  ☒ Mr. Curtis Biller
☒ Mr. Kevin Black  ☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor
☒ Ms. Sadie Hanson

Institution Presidents/Representatives

System Office/CTS/Guests
NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, Lisa Johnson, Chris Pieske, David Krebsbach, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Assistant Attorney General Ms. Meredith Lars.

1. Call to Order
   Committee Chair Warford called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CDT.

   a. Agenda
      Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

      Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

   b. Meeting Minutes
      Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve the February 14, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

      Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

2. Committee Business
   a. BSC Request
      i. BSC Bachelor’s Degree Request
      ii. BSC Analysis of BS Degree Duplication
      iii. BSC Bachelor’s Degree Request with Additional Analysis
      iv. BSC Response Summary
President Jenson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the background and context of BSC’s request to expand its degree offerings to Bachelor of Science degrees. He explained his strategic master plan as it relates to enrollment, including but not limited to the following:

- Addressing workforce needs.
- Programming for a new Polytechnic facility.
- Creating new degrees in short-term stackable credentials.
- Red tape reduction.
- Implementation of a unit cost model.

The committee members discussed various components that need to be considered if BSC and/or any other NDUS institution requests approval for academic programs that are outside the authority of SBHE Policy 409 (Degrees Offered) and Policy 420 (Accreditation), or any other policy that regulates institutional programs. After a thorough discussion, Chancellor Hagerott offered to move the discussion to the ENVISION 2035 process. He explained that expanded scope academic programming requests should be a system-wide discussion, rather than an individual request, as other NDUS institutions may have similar requests. The committee agreed, no further action took place.

b. New Academic Program Requests

i. Lake Region State College
   1. UG Certificate in Agriculture Production Management
   2. UG Certificate in Precision Agriculture

Biller moved, Hanson seconded, to approve LRSC’s new program requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ii. North Dakota State College of Science
   1. UG Certificate in Carpentry

Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve NDSCS’s new program request, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

iii. University of North Dakota
    1. GR Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
    2. M.S. in Psychology

Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve UND’s new program requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

c. Academic Program Termination

i. Minot State University
   1. GR Certificate in Cybersecurity
Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve MiSU’s program termination request, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

ii. University of North Dakota
   1. UG Certificate in Diverse Perspectives for Professionals
   2. GR Certificate in Counseling with a K-12 Emphasis

Hanson moved, Biller seconded, to approve UND’s program termination requests, as presented.

Biller, Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

3. Reports/Updates/Discussions
   a. ASAC Work Groups
      Vice Chancellor Johnson provided an overview of the ASAC working groups.

4. Adjourn
   Committee Chair Warford adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. CDT.

Approved April 17, 2024.