

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, March 13th at 3:15 pm. CT, via Teams.

SBHE Research and Governance Committee members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Casey Ryan, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Sadie Hanson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. John Warford | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

DCB Dean Simone, **DSU** President Easton, **LRSC** President Darling, **NDSU** President Cook, Colleen Fitzgerald, Kristen Fellows, Marc Wallman, **UND** President Armacost, John Mihelich, Scott Snyder, Robert Newman, Ryan Adams, Aaron Bergstrom, **VCSU** David DeMuth, **WSC** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, David Krebsbach, Jerry Rostad, Darin King, Lisa Johnson, Mark Gorenflo, Corey Quirk.

Co-chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

1. **Agenda**

And,

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Warford moved, Hanson seconded, to approve the agenda, and February 14, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

Warford, Hanson, and Ryan voted yes. Bye absent. Motion passed 3 -0.

Research Discussion/Updates/Reports

3. Research Enterprise Collaborative

Co-chair Ryan thanked UND and NDSU for their collaboration on multiple research initiatives and stated the committee is committed to addressing the resource needs of the other nine NDUS institutions regarding their research. Vice Presidents of Research, Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Snyder, agreed that collaboration amongst all eleven NDUS institutions is crucial for North Dakota to remain competitive in all areas of research, including recruiting faculty and staff.

The committee discussed the importance of education in computational resources, digitization, cybersecurity, and artificial Intelligence (AI). The committee also discussed the North Dakota Economic Diversification Research Fund, the potential for the ND Legislature to provide greater funding for NDUS undergraduate research programs, the

progress of the five-state consortium working group, and the need to begin working on a request to the Legislative Assembly for additional funding for AI.

The committee and NDUS institutions agreed to form a working group to discuss and coordinate research collaboration efforts and to prepare draft research funding request(s) for the next legislative session.

Dr. Demuth will present information regarding the undergraduate research opportunities/programs at a future RGC meeting.

UND and NDSU VPs of Research, Drs. Snyder and Fitzgerald, will continue to review the Economic Diversification Research Fund collaboration proposals to determine which ones will be awarded funding.

Governance Discussion/Updates/Reports

4. Enterprise Service Management Report
Vice Chancellor King provided an Enterprise Service Management report and explained how it utilizes data to assist in determining performance improvements and respond to the needs of the system and individual campuses.

Adjourn

Co-chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. CT.

Approved April 17, 2024.