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

May 21, 2024

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on May 21st at 9:30 a.m. CT., via Teams.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members

☒ Dr. John Warford, Chair
☒ Mr. Kevin Black
☒ Ms. Sadie Hanson
☒ Mr. Curtis Biller
☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, faculty advisor

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC President Jensen, Mr. Dan Leingang, Mr. John Carroll, **DCB** Dean Simone, Ms. Kayla O'Toole, Mr. Corey Gorder, **DSU** President Easton, **LRSC** Mr. Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** Mr. Brian Huschle, Mr. Corday Goddard, **MiSU** President Shirley, Ms. Laurie Geller**, NDSCS** Ms. Lisa Karch, Ms. Melissa Johnson, **NDSU** Mr. David Bertolini, **UND** Mr. Eric Link, **VCSU** Dr. Kerry Gregory, **WSC** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, VC Lisa Johnson, Mr. Chris Pieske, VC David Krebsbach, VC Jerry Rostad, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, Ms. Claire Gunwall, **Assistant Attorney General** Ms. Meredith Larson.

1. **Agenda**
   And,
2. **Meeting Minutes**

   Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve the agenda and April 17, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

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

3. **New Academic Program Request** (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)
   a. Bismarck State College
      i. UG Certificate in Secure Web Programming
      ii. UG Certificate in Web Programming Foundations
      iii. A.A.S. in Electrician Technician

   Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve BSC's new program requests, items 3a i – iii, as presented.

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

b. North Dakota State University
    i. Minor in Real Estate Valuation
    ii. B.S. in Information Technology
    iii. GR Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
    iv. M.Ed. in Leadership in Physical Education and Sport Coaching

Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve NDSU's new program requests, items 3b i – iv, as presented.

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

c. University of North Dakota
    i. B.B.A. in Business Analytics

Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve UND's new program request, items 3c(i), as presented.

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

d. Valley City State University
    i. UG Certificate, Minor, Major, B.A., and B.S. in Data Analytics and Visualization

Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve VCSU's new program request, item 3d(i), as presented.

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

4. **Degree Type Change** (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)
    a. Dickinson State University
        i. B.A. in Composite Social Science
    b. North Dakota State University
        i. Minor, Major, and UG Certificate in Global Studies

Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve DSU and NDSU degree type change requests, items 4a(i) and 4b(i), as presented.

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

5. **Academic Program Termination** (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)
    a. North Dakota State University
        i. GR Certificate, M.S., and MTUS in Transportation and Urban Systems

Biller moved, Black seconded, to approve NDSU's program termination request, item 5a(i), as presented.

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

6. **Policy 603.1 Harassment and Discrimination**
    a. Deletion of Policy 520, Title IX – Sexual Harassment

Mr. Chris Pieske proposed changes to Policy 603.1 Harassment and Discrimination and the deletion of Policy 520 Title IX sexual harassment. These changes were based on the new Federal Regulations on Title IX.

Biller moved, Black seconded, to recommend approval to delete Policy 520 and to amend Policy 603.1, Harassment and Discrimination, as presented.

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

7. **ASAC Work Group Report**
    a. Three-year Degrees
    b. Accelerated or Combined Master's Degrees
    c. Some College, No Degree

    Vice Chancellor Johnson summarized the main findings and recommendations of each work group. The members and other participants shared their comments and feedback.

8. **Academic Tenure**
    At the April 25 meeting, the SBHE directed the committee to review the process/procedures of tenure at the NDUS two-year institutions. VC Lisa Johnson started the discussion with the compilation of feedback from the two-year institutions. She noted that Bismarck State College (BSC) took a different approach than the other institutions and surveyed the faculty.

    After discussion, Chair Warford provided options for next steps:
    a. ASAC Committee continue to review.
    b. Refer comments/concerns to the Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure for incorporation into their Tenure Report.
    c. Forward it directly to the full Board.

    Member Black had a meeting conflict and had to depart the committee meeting; but requested assurance that if the committee's decision is option b or c, there will be dedicated time at a full Board meeting to discuss. Member Black also requested that the Ad Hoc Committee address how tenure protects academic freedom at two-year institutions and that any final reports be shared with all Board members prior to meeting.

    The committee continued discussion and recommended referring the review of tenure at two-year institutions back to the Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure, contingent on acceptance from Ad Hoc Committee Chair Ryan. VC Johnson will contact Chair Warford if the Ad Hoc Committee has concerns with continuing their study.

    The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. CT.

Approved June 12, 2024.