

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

May 15, 2024

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, May 15th 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. John Warford | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

DCB Dean Simone, **DSU** President Easton, **LRSC** Mr. Lloyd Halverson, **MaSU** Mr. Brian Huschle, **NDSU** Dr. Marc Wallman, **UND** President Armacost (3:30), Dr. Ryan Adams, **VCSU** Dr. David DeMuth, **WSC** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, VC Jerry Rostad, VC Darin King, VC Lisa Johnson, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Jane Grinde, Ms. Jamie Wilke, **AG** Ms. Meredith Larson.

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

Member Bye added the Board Self-assessment Executive Survey to the agenda.

1. **Agenda**

And,

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Bye moved, Hanson seconded, to approve the agenda and the [April 17, 2024](#), meeting minutes.

Bye, Hanson, and Ryan voted yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

3. **Economic Development Research Grant Funds (EDRF)**

Mr. Mark Gorenflo provided a membership update on the Economic Development Research Fund [Internal Advisory Committee](#).

Co-chair Ryan stated the EDRF membership is based position held; therefore, no action should be required going forward when one position's incumbent replaces another. The committee will receive periodic updates from the EDRF Internal Advisory Committee.

4. **SBHE Vision and Mission**

And,

5. **SBHE Principles and Core Values**

Co-chair Bye led the discussion on SBHE Policies related to [mission and vision](#), and [principles and core values](#).

6. SBHE Board Development Accomplishments for 2023

Co-chair Bye provided a summary of the Board's 2023 objectives and identified some goals/focus areas that the Board addressed. They agreed the Board's communication component remains difficult to address due to North Dakota's open meeting laws. They noted an improvement in communication for 2023 through increasing the number of Board members assigned to committees.

7. SBHE Board Development Priorities for 2024 – SBHE Self-assessment Executive Survey

Mr. Chris Pieske informed the committee that there were minor edits to the Board's Executive Summary that was approved last month. Co-chair Bye recommended that the committee postpone identifying and prioritizing the outcomes of this year's Board survey until their June meeting to allow additional time for the committee to review; the committee members agreed.

Casey moved, Hanson seconded, to recommended approval of the updated Board Self-Assessment Executive Survey.

Bye, Hanson, and Ryan voted yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

8. New Board Member Orientation

Ms. Kristie Hetzler provided an overview of new [Board member orientation](#) and asked for additional input/suggestions for improvements. The committee requested that a checklist be created to ensure all components and expectations are met; Ms. Hetzler will create and send to the committee members prior to orientation.

Casey moved, Hanson seconded, to recommended approval for new Board member orientation.

Bye, Hanson, and Ryan voted yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

9. Policy 1202.1 Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources

VC Darin King proposed amendments to [Policy 1202.1](#), Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.

Bye moved, Hanson seconded, to recommend approval of Policy 1202.1 Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources, as presented.

Hanson, Bye, and Ryan voted yes. Motion passed 3 – 0.

10. Large IT Project Quarterly (LPO) Report

VC Darin King provided a quarterly report on the large [IT Project Quarterly](#) (LPO).

11. Post Tenure Report

Co-chair Ryan requested the committee postpone discussing the report until their June meeting to allow additional time for final edits.

12. Presidents Contracts

Presidential contracts will be discussed at the June meeting.

13. Envision 2035 Update

Chancellor Hagerott gave a brief update on the Envision 2035 project and the upcoming board retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m. CT.

Approved June 12, 2024.