

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

September 11, 2024

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Max Eriksrud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, faculty advisor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. DJ Campbell | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC Dr. Dan Leingang, Dr. John Carroll, **DCB** Dean Simone, Ms. Kayla O'Toole, **DSU** Dr. Holly Gruhlke, **LRSC** President Darling, Mr. Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** Dr. Brian Huschle, **MiSU** President Shirley, Dr. Laurie Geller, Dr. Lori Garnes, Ms. Tracey Olson, **NDSCS** President Flanigan, Dr. Lisa Karch, **NDSU** Dr. David Bertolini, **UND** Dr. Eric Link, Mr. Art Malloy, Dr. Kimberly Becker, **VCSU** Mr. Larry Brooks, **WSC** President Hirning, Dr. Zahi Atallah.

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, Mr. Chris Pieske, **Assistant Attorney General** Ms. Meredith Larson, **College and Career Training Consortium (IMPCCT)** – Dr. Lori Garnes and Ms. Tracey Olson, **Walden University** – Representatives Subocz, Beck, Meizoso, Yamamoto.

Committee Chair Biller called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. CT.

1. **Agenda**
2. **Meeting Minutes**

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve the agenda and July 17, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

Campbell, Eriksrud, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

3. **State Authorization** – Walden University

Walden University representatives proposed seeking renewal for state authorization, to offer online post-secondary education to North Dakota students. VC Johnson, Ms. Gunwall, and Assistant Attorney General Larson reviewed the application, documentation, and the Carroll v. Walden lawsuit. After careful consideration, Walden University was denied state authorization in ND. Based on the review, Walden University did not meet the state authorization criteria required for NDCC 15-18.1-04. On July 15, 2024, Walden University requested an appeal.

The committee heard from Walden University representatives, the NDUS staff, and Assistant Attorney General Larson. The committee discussed concerns regarding the university's financial stability, accreditation status, and the implications of the settlement of the Carroll vs. Walden lawsuit.

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to table state authorization for Walden University until further notice, to seek additional documentation from the institution

Passed by consensus.

4. **Tenure Request**

VC Johnson presented three exceptional circumstance tenure requests from UND. The following individuals, Dr. Christina Erickson, Dr. Richard Schulz, and Dr. Shelbie Witte are recommended for tenure.

Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded, to recommend approval of the [tenure requests](#), as presented.

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

5. **New Academic Program Requests**

- a. [Bismarck State College](#)
 - i. [UG Certificate in Business Fundamentals](#)
 - ii. [UG Certificate in Computer Applications](#)
 - iii. [UG Certificate in Insurance](#)

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve BSC's new program requests, as presented (item 5a i-iii).

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- b. [North Dakota State College of Science](#)
 - i. [B.A.S. in Dental Hygiene](#)

Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded, to approve NDSCS's new program request, as presented (item 5b i).

Campbell, Eriksrud, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

6. **Academic Program Termination**

- a. [Bismarck State College](#)
 - i. [A.A.S. in Administrative Assistant/Legal](#)

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve BSC's program termination request, as presented (item 6a i).

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

- b. [Dickinson State University](#)
 - i. [Major in Environmental Health](#)

- ii. [Minor and Major in Spanish](#)
- iii. [Minor in Technology Education](#)

Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded, to approve DSU's program termination request, as presented (item 6b i-iii).

Campbell, Eriksrud, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 3 – 0.

7. **Inclusive Model Pathways for College and Career Training Consortium (IMPCCT)**

Dr. Lori Garnes and Ms. Tracey Olson presented on the Model Pathways for College and Career Training Consortium (IMPCCT). The consortium is a training and technical Assistance Support Center for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Minot State University's role, working with other NDUS institutions, is to help expand programs across the state; the programs give these students a college experience and the ability to earn college certificates.

- <https://ndcpd.org/north-dakota-impccct/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6i2oleglx4&t=15s>

8. **Graduate Medical Education Committee Annual Institutional Review**

Dr. Kimberly Becker provided a summary of the 2022-2023 graduate medical education institutional [executive summary](#) . She highlighted the accreditation status of UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences' graduate medical education programs, stating that all programs, including the institution itself, have continued accreditation with no citations or areas for improvement, reflecting a strong commitment to educational quality. She also informed the committee of a new policy mandating a six-week paid leave for residents and fellows on approved medical or parental leave, aligning with accreditation requirements and providing significant support to medical trainees during critical life events.

9. **Complete College America**

VC Johnson introduced a proposed partnership with Complete College America (CCA), aiming to enhance college completion rates in North Dakota through the adoption of transformational pillars, indicating a strategic move towards improving higher education outcomes in the state. A presentation will be made to the full board on September 24th to seek formal approval to partner with CCA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. CT.

Approved October 9, 2024.