

## **North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee Agenda and Materials**

October 9, 2024

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. CT., via Teams.

### 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 checked="" 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** President Jensen, Dr. Dan Leingang, Dr. John Carroll, **DCB** Dean Simone, Ms. Kayla O'Toole, **DSU** Dr. Holly Gruhke, **LRSC** Mr. Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** Dr. Brian Huschle, **MiSU** President Shirley, Dr. Laurie Geller, **NDSCS** President Flanigan, Dr. Lisa Karch, Ms. Melissa Johnson, **NDSU** Dr. David Bertolini, **UND** Dr. Eric Link, Mr. Art Malloy, **VCSU** President LaFave, Mr. Larry Brooks, Mr. Mark Nelson, **WSC** President Hirning, Dr. Zahi Atallah.

### System Office/CTS/Guests

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

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

### 1. **Agenda**

Member Black inquired if Waldon University's request for state authorization the committee tabled at their September meeting is ready for further discussion. Chair Biller and VC Johnson stated Walden's request is tentatively set for the committee's November meeting.

The committee discussed additional items for inclusion on the agenda:

- The role of the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee.
- Institution mission statements.
- Higher Learning Commission authorization for reduced credit programs for bachelor's degrees.
- Offering of Dual Credit by institution(s).

Blackl moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the amended agenda.

Black, Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

### 2. **Meeting Minutes**

Campbell moved, Black seconded, to approve the September 11, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

Black, Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

3. **New Academic Program Request** (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)

a. [Bismarck State College](#)

i. [B.A.S. in Exercise and Sports Studies](#)

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve BSC's New B.A.S. Program request, as presented.

Eriksrud, Black, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

ii. [B.A.S. in University Studies](#)

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve BSC's New B.A.S. Program request, as presented.

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

b. [Dickinson State University](#)

i. [A.A.S. in Accounting](#)

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to approve DSU's New A.A.S. Program request, as presented.

Campbell, Eriksrud, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

c. [North Dakota State College of Science](#)

i. [UG Certificate and A.A.S. in Aviation Maintenance Technician](#)

Black moved, Campbell seconded, to approve NDSCS's New Certificate Program request, as presented.

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

ii. [UG Certificate in Italian Cuisine](#)

Black moved, Campbell seconded, to approve NDSCS's New Certificate Program request, as presented.

Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

d. [Williston State College](#)

i. [UG Certificate in Medical Assistant](#)

ii. [UG Certificate in Emergency Medical Technician](#)

iii. [UG Certificate in Medical Administrative Professional](#)

iv. [UG Certificate in Medical Billing & Coding](#)

v. [UG Certificate in Phlebotomy](#)

Black moved, Campbell seconded, to approve WSC's New Certificate Program requests, as presented (items 3.d.i - v).

Eriksrud, Black, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

- vi. [A.A.S. in Addiction Studies](#)
- vii. [A.A.S. in Human Services](#)
- viii. [A.A.S. in Health Information Management](#)
- ix. [A.A.S. in Paramedic](#)
- x. [A.A.S. in Public Health](#)
- xi. [A.A.S. in Social Work](#)

Black moved, Campbell seconded, to approve WSC's New A.A.S. Program requests, as presented (items 3.d.vi - xi).

Eriksrud, Campbell, Black, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

#### 4. **Policy 462 Instructional Material Access and Affordability**

VC Johnson introduced Policy 462, [Instructional Material Access and Affordability](#). VC Johnson explained the intent is to increase access and affordability of instructional materials by requiring institutions to develop procedures to increase access to affordable instructional materials, including marking of OER courses to make them identifiable and searchable for students.

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded, to recommend approval of Policy 462, as presented.

Black, Eriksrud, Campbell, and Biller voted yes. Motion passes 4 – 0.

#### **Added topic of dual credit programs/campus mission statements/HLC reduced credit program for bachelor's degrees.**

VC Johnson explained that the advisory groups, including Cabinet, have been discussing the shift in roles within the NDUS institutions. Institutions have been allowed autonomy to adapt to their specific markets, and there was a need to further adapt during the COVID pandemic. Currently there is a need to re-evaluate the roles to ensure that each type of institution can effectively serve its intended purpose without unnecessary overlap. Chancellor Hagerott and VC Johnson requested the ASAC committee discuss and provide guidance on how to move forward. She also noted that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has also been allowing institutions to offer reduced credit Bachelor's degrees, which also impacts how NDUS institutions adapt to dynamic market shifts.

The committee asked the NDUS staff to schedule a special meeting of ASAC to discuss the background and history of dual credit programs. The committee will also address the roles, missions, and responsibilities of the NDUS institutions.

The meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m. CT.

Approved November 13, 2024.