

### **North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

February 14, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. via Teams.

Chair Mihalick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. CT.

#### **Roll Call**

SBHE Members

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tim Mihalick, Chair            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Danita Bye, Vice Chair            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Casey Ryan                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Volk                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Max Eriksrud                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. DJ Campbell                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |

#### Institutions

**BSC**, Interim President Sanford, Ms. Rebecca Collins, **DCB** Dean Simone, **DSU** Acting President Orton, **LRSC** President Darling, Mr. Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU** President Shirley, **NDSCS** President Flanigan, **NDSU** President Cook, Mr. Jace Beehler, Ms. Stephanie Wawers, **UND** President Armacost, **VCSU** President LaFave.

#### System Office/Guests

**NDUS** Chancellor Hagerott, VC Lisa Johnson, VC David Krebsbach, VC Jerry Rostad, Dr. Jen Weber, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Ms. Tammy Dolan, Ms. Jane Grinde, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Caitlin Magilke, Mr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Maryann Olson, Ms. Dina Cashman, **CTS** VC Tom Danford, Mr. Corey Quirk, **Others** Assistant Attorney General Meredith Larson.

#### **Call to Order**

##### 1. Agenda

The meeting proceeded according to the established agenda.

##### 2. Recap of Week's Activity

VC Krebsbach provided an update on SB 2003. The bill has not yet seen official action, but discussions indicate a potential 3% salary increase across the system. There is also consideration for a portion of the requested inflationary increases and financial aid programs.

Ms. Dolan recapped the week's activity including HCR 3012 which would remove the mill levy for the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, which failed in the House, and HB 1365 and HB 1588 relating to weapons on campuses, where amendments are being considered allowing the SBHE to establish related policies.

VC Johnson updated the board on SB 2392 regarding prohibited discriminatory practices. She noted efforts are underway to work with the bill sponsor on potential

revisions. She further reported that HB 1220, concerning accelerated degrees, passed the House. She also noted that HB 1437, related to tenure review, passed with amendments.

3. Preview of Next Week's Legislative Hearings

Ms. Dolan discussed the upcoming hearing for HB 1161 which would create a vacant position funding pool. Concerns were raised about the bill's impact on institutional operations and funding. The group considered representation at the hearing. NDSU, UND, and NDSCS indicated their intent to provide testimony.

4. Discussion of SBHE Legislative Priorities and Positions

Board members reviewed the SBHE stance on the specific bills that NDUS is tracking.

5. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m. CT.

Approved March 27, 2025.