

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

April 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education's Academic and Student Affairs Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. CT. The call originated on the 10th floor of the State Capitol, Chancellor's Office, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND.

Ms. Louters called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:

Ms. Jill Louters
Mr. Don Morton
Ms. Ashley Thornton
Dr. Birgit Pruess, Faculty Adviser (arrived at 11:08)

Others present:

Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Mr. Chris Erickson, NDUS
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office
President Darling, LRSC
Mr. Ken Grafton, NDSU

Committee Business

1. **Agenda**

Thornton moved, Morton seconded, to approve the agenda.

Thornton, Morton, and Louters voted yes.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Morton moved, Thornton seconded, to approve the March 19, 2019, meeting minutes.

Morton, Thornton, and Louters voted yes.

3. **Policy 406.1 Academic Calendars**

Ms. Johnson reviewed proposed amendments to policy 406.1. She noted on April 10th the Chancellor's Cabinet supported the request for the change to the academic calendar. Chancellor Hagerott conveyed non-support for the request citing that the reduction of required meeting days could be detrimental to students' learning.

Morton moved, Thornton seconded, to recommend approval of [policy 406.1](#).

Thornton, Morton, and Louters voted yes.

Committee Consent (items 4-16)

4. [Tenure](#)

New Program Request(s) (SBHE ASAC final approval)

5. [BSC](#) – A.A.S. in Data Analytics Technician, CIP Code 11.0401

[MaSU](#):

6. MaSU – B.S. in Sport Coaching, CIP Code 31.0501 and;

7. MaSU – UG Certificate in College Studies, CIP Code 24.0102

8. [NDSU](#) – B.S. in Health Services, CIP Code 51.0000

[UND](#):

9. UND – UG Certificate in Adapted Physical Education, CIP Code 13.1314

10. UND – UG Certificate in International Relations & National Security, CIP Code 45.0901

11. UND – Certificate in Petroleum Geology, CIP Code 15.0903

12. UND – Post-GR Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (APRN) Certificate, CIP Code 30.1101

Program Termination(s) (SBHE ASAC final approval)

[UND](#):

13. UND – M.S. and Ph.D. in Microbiology & Immunology, CIP Code 26.0503

14. UND – M.S. and Ph.D. in Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics, CIP Code 26.1001

15. UND - Minor in Philosophy & Religion: Religious Studies Concentration, CIP Code 38.0001

Organizational Change(s) (SBHE final approval)

16. [UND](#) – Establish a new department of Institute for Energy Studies (IES)

Morton moved, Thornton seconded, to approve the consent agenda, items 4 – 16.

Thornton, Morton, and Louters voted yes.

Committee Reports

Ms. Johnson reviewed the following policies for discussion purposes only. The committee and legal council discussed Senate Bill 2320, potential legal issues

17. Policy [503](#) Student Free Speech and Expression

18. Policy [401.1](#) Academic Freedom

The committee and legal council discussed Senate Bill 2320, regarding student free speech and expression. Campuses have expressed potential legal issues, difficulties with implementation by August 2019, and how the policy would affect individual campus policy and procedures. The committee noted they will re-visit at their next meeting or after the conclusion of the legislative session.

Other Business

19. Future Agenda Items – Policy 503 and 401.1 will be re-visited at the May Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. CT.

Approved May 14, 2019.