

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education's Academic and Student Affairs Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. CT. The call originated on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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  
Ms. Ashley Thornton  
Dr. Birgit Pruess (non-voting member)

Others present:

Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS  
Ms. Nancy Green, NDUS  
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office  
Dr. Ken Grafton, NDSU

**# Committee Business**

1. Agenda

Thornton moved to approve the agenda.

Thornton and Louters voted yes.

2. Meeting Minutes

Thornton moved to approve the January 15, 2019, meeting minutes.

Thornton and Louters voted yes.

3. [Student Free Speech and Expression Language](#)

The North Dakota University System is in support of student free speech and expression. Johnson, Fitzsimmons, and Olson have had meetings to draft a SBHE Policy for student free speech and expression. The NDUS identified four areas of concern in the proposed legislative bill regarding the definition of student-on-student harassment, faculty academic freedom, assessment of security fees, and cause of action.

Thornton moved to authorize permission to share the draft SBHE policy at the House Education committee and with other key stakeholders.

Thonton and Louters voted yes.

## # Committee Consent

New Program(s) (ASAC final approval)

[DSU:](#)

4. DSU – Associate in Science, CIP Code 30.0101
5. DSU – B.S. in Criminal Justice, CIP Code 43.0103
6. DSU – UG Certificate in Allied Health, CIP Code 51.0000

[MaSU:](#)

7. MaSU – UG Certificate in Online Digital Teaching, CIP Code 13.0501
8. MaSU – UG Certificate in Biotechnology, CIP Code 41.0101

Program Termination(s) (ASAC final approval)

9. [WSC](#) – UG Certificate in Medical Coding, CIP Code 51.0713

Thornton moved to approve the agenda.

Thornton and Louters voted yes.

## Other Business

10. Future Agenda Items

Updates to free speech. Will email after Tuesday committee hearing

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. CT.

Approved April 16, 2019.