

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Governance Committee**

February 20, 2019, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Governance Committee met on Wednesday, February 20th, at 3:30 p.m. CT., via conference call, originating from the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., 10th floor conference room, Bismarck, ND, 58505.

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. CT.

Members Present:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
Ms. Kathleen Neset
Mr. Tim Mihalick
Mr. Andy Wakeford, Staff Adviser
Dr. Pruess, Faculty Adviser

Others Present:

Chancellor Hagerott
President Bresciani, NDSU
President Shirley, MiSU
President Van Horn, MaSU
President Richman, NDSCS
Ms. Tammy Dolan, NDUS
Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Mr. Phil Wisecup, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Mr. Darin King, CTS
Mr. Eric Olson, AG

1. **Agenda**

Approved by consensus.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

Neset moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the January 16, 2019, meeting minutes.

Neset, Mihalick, and Ryan voted yes

3. **SBHE Orientation Index**

The committee discussed the framework for [board orientation](#) that occurs annually in June. They had no concerns and requested the Board Chair and Vice Chair review prior to being proposed to the full Board.

4. **SBHE Tier Committee Structure Discussion**

Chancellor Hagerott explained the unique roles each tier of campuses play in our state; there may be benefits of making changes to the [SBHE committee structure](#) to allow a greater degree of specialization in fact finding/deliberation by SBHE members. This proposes the establishment of three committees each aligned to one of the three tiers of campuses (community college/polytechnic; regional/dual mission, and research). To support this adjustment and possibly increased work load, it also recommends the body of the SBHE be expanded to twelve or more members. Based on the January SBHE meeting, there was some interest expressed in moving forward with at least partial adoption of a tier structure as well as modifying the Chancellor's Cabinet procedures. He explained neither of those changes would require a constitutional change and recommended the Board start by establishing a tier committee out of existing Board members to address the unique range of challenges confronting the research universities.

The committee members, presidents, faculty and staff discussed options of the tier committee membership. There was not a consensus, but, agreement to continue the discussion, including with legal counsel.

a. SBHE Policy 304.1

Mr. Eric Olson introduced a revision to [policy 304.1](#) in draft form at the request of the SBHE Vice Chair, who wanted to receive additional feedback from the institutions with respect to proposed policies and other issues. Mr. Olson conveyed that the group working on the issue initially proposed a new policy to elevate the Cabinet from NDUS procedure to SBHE policy. Many concerns were expressed by Presidents on the proposed policy moving forward. Based on those concerns, the Chancellor requested more time to conduct follow-up discussions and research on developing such a policy. After receiving that feedback, Mr. Olson noted that further research revealed that moving the Chancellor's cabinet to SBHE policy would make it a governing body subject to open meeting requirements.

As a result, the group working on the SBHE request proposed the revised policy 304.1, which included an edit ensure that the Chancellor would seek out opposing or dissenting views from the Presidents, and then report those views to the SBHE in any recommendation. Mr. Olson stated that the policy would be going back to Chancellor's cabinet for review. Ms. Neset suggested returning the policy to the next Governance Committee meeting with feedback from the cabinet.

5. **CTS 4th Quarter Large Project Update**

Mr. Darin King provided an update the following CTS [projects](#):

- 1) Novelution (Electronic Grants Administration) is a project to deploy a modular based electronic Grants Administration application. UND intends to deploy 3 modules, NDSU intends to deploy 6.

- 2) Blackboard Learning Management System is a system wide deployment of the Blackboard LMS.
- 3) FAMIS Cloud Upgrade is a project that will transition from on the on premises version of Accruent's FAMIS application to the implementation of a SaaS version. This is the facilities management application used by five campuses.

6. Legislative Update

Ms. Tammy Dolan provided the committee with an update on legislation and noted the Senate will be discussing the NDUS appropriation bills March 18 through the 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. CT.

Approved March 21, 2019.