Members Present:
  Dr. Ken Grosz, Dean, DCB
  Mr. Dave Clark, Interim President, BSC
  Dr. Doug Darling, President, LRSC
  Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
  Dr. John Richman, President, NDSCS
  Dr. Ray Nadolny, President, WSC

Also Present:
Marietta Kemmet, NDUS; Wayde Sick, Department of Commerce

Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Approve Minutes from January 27, 2015 meeting
Motion was made by Mr. Clark to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes, seconded by Dr. Darling. Motion approved.

Workforce Enhancement Grant
Mr. Sick reported that the remaining funds for the current biennium are $60,000, after the approval of two grants. Two grants were approved, Lake Region for Precision Ag and Williston State College for oilfield training. The amount granted out for this biennium is a little over $1.9 million.

For the next biennium, the House and Senate approved $1 million for Workforce Enhancement Grants. There was a push to put the ½ million back into the Department of Commerce budget, but it was unsuccessful. Carryover from the last two biennium’s will add an additional $200,000 to the fund. Mr. Sick asked if CTEC will be discussing the Workforce Education Advisory Council that will be formed from HB1003. He indicated that Commerce will be included on this council as well as the community college presidents. In response to Ms. Johnson’s question of the number of business and industry members on the council, Mr. Clark indicated there will be eight members from those sectors. He also said there is no specific mention that the college presidents will be on this council. According to the bill, it states “the council will composed of a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education, a representative of Job Service North Dakota, a representative of the Department of Commerce and eight members representing business and industry in the state.” Ms. Johnson said there will be a discussion at Senior Staff to determine what staff resources will be committed to this group from the System Office. Mr. Sick pointed out that the Workforce Development Council will continue due to the fact that oversees the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act and how the state carries out that federal program. There are different methods to appointing members on the Workforce Development Council and the newly created Workforce Education Advisory Committee. Who will appoint and frequency of the meetings for the new advisory committee have not yet been determined.

Workforce Training Update
There were no updates reported.
Informational update on new programs

Dr. Grosz reported that an on-line program in photography is the process of being approved to be offered at Dakota College at Bottineau.

Two-Year College Structure

Dr. Richman reported on the merging of services at WSC and other institutions. There were concerns about the pace of these changes and the possibility of the career and technical education becoming lost. With all of the changes occurring and yet to occur, he would like this item to be tabled until a later meeting. He urged members to guard and advance the career and technical education process in each institution. Dr. Nadolny commented on the changes and asked if the group would like to get together and have an informal conversation concerning the structure.

Tenure Policy and Practices

Dr. Richman referenced the summary document sent to Dr. Kelley with all the suggestions/practices currently in place at the five two-year colleges. PTK Wrap-up

Dr. Richman thanked BSC for organizing and hosting the event. Next year’s event will possibly be hosted by Williston State College. Dr. Darling was appreciative of the pictures taken and sent on to the campuses.

ND Free Community College Tuition Proposal

Ms. Johnson gave an update on the free community college tuition proposal that was scheduled to be presented to the legislature. This was pulled back because not everything was in place to be able to present a clear and cohesive plan to the legislature. Discussion followed about how to tailor the plan to the needs of the majority.

Reverse Transfer Initiative

Ms. Johnson asked for input from the members about their thoughts and ideas on this subject. Currently NDSU and NDSCS are involved with a pilot program. She talked about the threshold level and what the community colleges may desire for that level. There will be a state-wide initiative kick-off on June 4th in co-existence with the pilots at NDSU and NDSCS. The institutional data will be shared with the NDACRO with a speaker from North Carolina who has been instrumental in helping that system to implement reverse transfer.

Other business and open discussion

There was discussion on the funding bill currently under review by legislature. There was also a question about the education incentive programs on the line-item portion of the System Office. There was no further information available on this section of the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.