Summary of Proposed Action
ND State Board of Higher Education
Meeting – May 15, 2017

1. **Issue**: North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II request to offer the Minor in **Reliability Engineering**, CIP Code 14.9999, via on-campus.

2. **Proposed actions**: Approve/deny the Stage II request of NDSU to offer the Minor in Reliability Engineering, CIP Code 14.9999, via on-campus.

3. **Background information**: NDSU plans to create a new minor in Reliability Engineering, to better prepare engineers working in the industrial and manufacturing sectors. There are no equivalent programs in North Dakota, and this will meet a need for industry in the state.

4. **Financial implications**: None. The program will be taught using existing courses, classrooms and laboratories.

5. **Legal/policy issues**: State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1 Program Approval states: “Board approval is required for all new programs of study that designate a focused collection of instructional/learning activities the completion of which signifies a level of competence which the awarding institution so designates by a notation on the front of the student transcript.”

6. **Academic issues**: No academic issues were raised at the May 3, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination**: On May 3, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments**: The Stage II request is attached.

9. **Contact information**: Richard M. Rother, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.

10. **Chancellor’s recommendation**: Reviewed at the May 10, 2017 Chancellor Cabinet meeting. Chancellor recommends approval.