

Summary of Proposed Action ND State Board of Higher Education Meeting – April 26, 2018

1. **Issue:** North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II request to offer the Master of [Landscape Architecture](#) (M.L.A.), CIP Code 04.0601, via on-campus.
2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II request of NDSU to offer the Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.), CIP Code 04.0601, via on-campus.
3. **Background information:** NDSU seeks approval of the Master of Landscape Architecture professional degree (M.L.A.) which will replace the current Bachelor of Landscape Architecture professional degree (B.L.A.). Historically, there have been 8-12 graduates of the B.L.A. degree, thus NDSU hopes to replace the B.L.A. with the new M.L.A., and these 8-12 students will now be graduate students. The majority of the graduates continue to work in North Dakota.
4. **Financial implications:** None cited.
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 April 4, 2018 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.
7. **Coordination:** On April 4, 2018, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend approval of 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. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.
10. **Chancellor's recommendation:** Approve