

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

July 31, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research Committee met on Wednesday, July 31st at 1:30 p.m. CT., at the University of North Dakota, First Floor Training Room, Tech Accelerator, 4201 James Ray Drive Grand Forks, ND.

Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
Ms. Kathleen Neset
Mr. Don Morton

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott
Ms. Lisa Johnson, VC of Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Phil Wisecup, VC Strategic Engagement
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, Exec Assist. to the State Board of Higher Education
Ms. Terry Meyer, Chief of Staff
Dr. Jen Weber, Director of Institutional Data & Reporting
Mr. Ryan Jockers, Strategic Analytics Coordinator
Ms. Karol Riedman, Compliance Officer

Others Participating:

Interim President Wynne, UND
President Bresciani, NDSU
Mr. John Mihelich, UND
Mr. Jeffrey VanLooy, UND
Dr. Jane Schuh, NDSU
Dr. Molly Secor-Turner, NDSU
Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
Mr. Eric Olson, Asst. A.G. and General Counsel

1. Agenda

Morton moved, Neset seconded, to approve the agenda.

Morton, Neset, and Ryan voted yes.

2. Open Meeting/Record(s) Brief

Mr. Olson gave an overview on open meeting/record(s) laws and regulations.

3. **Research Committee Duties/Policy 302.7**

Chair Ryan indicated the importance of identifying and/or prioritizing the committees' duties to ensure they can accomplish what they set forth. The committee should work with legislation and the state to fund research initiatives plus ensure UND and NDSU to work together.

Chancellor Hagerott suggested adding two more items to the potential list of duties, which include 1) Bi-annual research strategy and 2) Promote the well-being of faculty and staff involved with research activity

The committee then discussed the current status of research, the potential to expand, and receive more funding to advance research. They also spoke on the importance of research throughout the entire state, regardless of both UND and NDSU located on the east side.

Chair Ryan asked for the next agenda/meeting to have a motion that includes the duties to add to the policy, which will be prioritized by a survey.

Ms. Riedman gave an overview on EPSCoR. She provided a brief background and history of EPSCoR in North Dakota, and briefed the committee on current operations which included notable projects, governance and economic impact.

Dr. Bresciani suggested that the INBRE grant be placed on next meeting agenda as it is also a statewide grant.

Chair Ryan requested that the first agenda item at the next meeting be a high level overview from VP's of Research at UND and NDSU of what is going well and what is not, with commercialization being the second item.

4. **Meeting Schedule**

The committee discussed future meeting logistics. The plan is to alternate meetings between Fargo and Grand Forks, with the next meeting being 2 hours and future meetings 1 hour. How often will be based on the agenda items and/or the necessity. Next meeting will be September 11 at 3:00pm on the NDSU campus. The meeting will be held face to face with call in option.

5. **Future meeting topics**

- a) Update from NDSU/UND on the EPSCoR grant
- b) NDSU and UND update on joint hire for IP commercialization with commerce department
- c) Initial discussion on interim legislative period and laying groundwork strategy for a new research bill
- d) Orientation of [Research Dashboard and Metrics](#) – Ryan Jockers

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm