

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
April 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 8:30 a

Mr. Jeffry Volk (virtual)
Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor

Mr. Kevin Black
Mr. Curtis Biller
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor (virtual)

Institutions

BSC
VSC President Hirning.

System Office /Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, Ms. Cashman, Mr. Gorenflo, Ms. Grinde, Vice Chancellor Johnson, Vice
Chancellor Krebsbach, Vice Chancellor Rostad, CTS– VC Darin King, Assistant Attorney General – Ms.
Meredith Larson.

1. Agenda

Casey moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Black, Ryan, Warford, Volk, Hanson, Biller, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Board Consent

2. [March 27 , 2024](#), SBHE Meeting Minutes

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee

3. [VCSU Tier II/III Capital Funds Request](#)

4. [VCSU Line-Item Transfer from Operating to Capital Request](#)

5. [UND Request for Tuition Exemption](#) (SBHE Policy 805.1) to charge tuition rates for
undergraduate Canadian students, regardless of province of residency

6. SBHE Self-assessment

Warford, Volk, Hanson, Black, Ryan, Biller, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Item 6 - SBHE Self-assessment Executive Summary

Member Volk requested a brief explanation of the process the SBHE Research and Governance Committee (RGC) completed for the Board self-assessment and if further information will be provided to all Board members. Mr. Pieske provided an overview of the process. RGC Co-chair Bye stated the committee will continue their work at their May meeting, including reviewing the information, identifying priorities, and forwarding their recommendation to the full Board. The information used to compile the executive summary will be provided to all the Board members after RGC has completed their review and recommendation, and prior to the full Board meeting.

Volk moved, Ryan seconded, to approve the [SBHE Self-assessment Executive Summary](#), as presented.

Black, Ryan, Warford, Volk, Hanson, Biller, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Motion passed 8 – 0.

7. Tenure Candidates for NDUS Four-Year and Research Institutions

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related SBHE Policies; but disagreed with postponing consideration of the two -year tenure candidates who have been advanced under existing Board policies and processes .

Motion:

Black moved, Volk seconded, to approve tenure for the four -year and research institution candidates put forward to the full Board by the SBHE ASAC Committee.

Amendment to motion:

Ryan moved, Bye seconded, to amend Member Black's motion to the include tenure candidates from two -year institutions.

Member Black questioned whether Member Ryan's motion was in order. Chair Mihalick requested advice from Attorney Larson, who advised that the Chair has wide discretion to accept amendments to motions.

The Board discussion continued; Chair Mihalick then called for a roll call vote on Member Ryan's amendment.

Roll call on amendment:

Warford, Hanson, Ryan, Bye, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Volk, Biller, and Black voted no. Motion passed 5 – 3.

Roll call on amended motion:

Warford, Black, Hanson, Ryan, Bye, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Volk and Biller voted no. Motion passed 6 – 2.

Tenure for candidates from the two -year, four -year, and research institutions , have been approved.

Chair Mihalick stated that the Board will continue to evaluate and discuss tenure and post -tenure process and any proposed changes to SBHE tenure policies

Member Black requested member Ryan and/or Vice Chancellor Johnson follow -up with him on the draft post -tenure report, specifically how the report addresses tenure at two -year institutions .

8. 1st Reading SBHE Policy

- a. Policy 311 [Public Records](#) , presented by Mr. Chris Pieske .

Ryan moved, Warford seconded, to approve first reading of Policy 311, Public Records, as presented.

Black, Ryan, Bye, Warford, Volk, Hanson, Biller, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Motion passed 8 – 0.

- b. Policy 340.1 [State Forester](#) , presented by VC Jerry Rostad .

Ryan moved, Black seconded, to approve first reading of Policy 340.1, State Forester, as presented.

Volk, Hanson, Biller,

Vice Chancellor Krebsbach said there is an opportunity for additional budget requests through Legislators, and those can occur right up into session.

Chancellor Hagerott and Presidents provided briefs to the Board on agenda items 21 and 22:

21. Envision 2035 Working Group Updates and Emerging Issues by Respective Group Leads :

- a. Programs of the Future: Ag
- b. Programs of the Future: Energy
- c. Programs of the Future: Digitization
- d. Programs of the Future: Healthcare
- e. Student of the Future
- f. Teacher of the Future
- g. Infrastructure of the Future
- h. Human Capital
- i. Values of the Future

Other topics addressed by the President s included :

- x Enrollment strategies.
- x Develop ing more CTE programs.
- x Dual credit programs.

Other Reports

23. NDSA report . Ms. Sadie Hanson reported that the NDSA member/office election s took place and a candidate for the SBHE student member was elected and forwarded to the Governor's office.
24. CCF report . Dr. Lisa Montplaisir reported tenure continues to be discussed and new CCF members from each institution will begin their transition to serve on the CCF in May.
25. Staff Senate report . Mr. Michael Linnell stated that the senate is working with legal counsel on clarifying rules and regulations for fund raising and is drafting their annual summer retreat agenda.
26. Public Comment – None.
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