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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
September 21, 2022, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Fitzgerald and Dr. Mihelich provided an update on the Chips & Science act and the related activities from the 5-state consortium. Dr. Fitzgerald updated on the recent NSF I-Corps award led by NDSU in partnership with UND and several other consortium institutions. Chancellor Hagerott added state-level update on the CHIPS & Science Act.

The multiple state consortium has continued to work on the organization and possible partnerships to pursue several research opportunities. They are working collaboratively with various hubs/regions to expand beyond the consortium for additional opportunities with the CHIPSPlus Legislation.

4. Update on Research Working Group
Dr. Mihelich and Dr. Fitzgerald updated on the plans for the fall NDUS Research Working Group which is meeting September 22.
5. EPSCoR
Chancellor Hagerott and President Cook informed the committee that an MOU regarding EPSCoR has been signed and will continue to move forward with work on track one and the 2024 application process.

GOVERNANCE ITEMS

6. Identify Board Priorities
Co-chair Bye requested the committee re-visit one of the three approved Board priorities, student and faculty retention. She stated the importance of recognizing students, all levels of campus personnel, and the unique needs and challenges of each campus. The committee discussed and agreed to expand on their Board priorities.

Ryan moved, Warford seconded, to recommend approval to amend the [Board priorities](#) to include a administrator/ staff employment to the previously approved student and faculty retention priority.

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