

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met via Teams on January 10, 2024, at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research and Governance Committee members

Dr. Casey Ryan, Co -Chair

Ms. Sadie Hanson

Ms. Danita Bye, Co -Chair

Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

Dr. John Warford

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC, DCB Dean Carmen Simone , DSUPresident Easton , LRSCPresident Darling , MaSU Dr. Brian Huschle , MiSU, NDSCS, NDSU

4. Research Initiative Updates

a. Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald announced a joint funding initiative between UND and NDSU using \$100,000 of their Economic Diversification Research Funds to facilitate collaboration between UND and NDSU and other NDUS institutions or tribal colleges .

i. Co-Chair Ryan asked if the funding is \$100,000 per institution, or \$100,000 total for all. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that UND and NDSU will each contribute \$100,000 each fiscal year from their EDRF funds. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that submitters will pick which institution is the lead institution. NDSU will pay for its portion, UND will pay for its own portion, and the cost for the third institution will be split between each institution.

ii. Member Warford asked if a third institution has been selected and , if not , what the process is for selection. Dr. Mihelich shared that the winning projects will determine what institution receives the funding.

5. Report out from NDUS Research Working Group – Dr. John Mihelich, Dr. David DeMuth, Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald

a. The NDUS Research Working Group meeting on December 15, 2023, focused on EDRF grants and how implementation of Year One projects worked on the individual campuses. In addition, the group discussed possible process revisions for Year Two and recommendations for preparing for NDUS budget process and next legislative cycle.

b. The Working Group recommends prioritizing strategic actions to ensure that the next legislative session includes and ideally increases EDRF funding in the higher education appropriations.

c. Dr. DeMuth shared that the group felt they should meet more often, particularly as we move into the legislative session.

6. Economic Diversification Research Grant Funds – Mr. Mark Gorenflo

a. [Guidelines](#)
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- b. Dr. Mihelich shared for FY22 UND's overall research and development expenditures came out to \$147 million which is a 32% increase from FY20. Dr. Mihelich shared from FY20 to FY22 federal dollars increased from \$44 million to \$63 million. Dr. Mihelich shared that UND's institutional funds increased 7% from \$40 million to \$44 million.
- c. Co-Chair Bye asked what the relationship is between the HERD expenditure data and metrics and the NDUS strategic directives. Chancellor Hagerott shared from (b) (5) DPP (1031c (a))

- d. Co-Chair Bye asked if referencing policies within a policy is something that the committee needs to respond to. Mr. Chris Pieske stated that referencing them is actually best practice.
13. SBHE Post-Tenure Ad Hoc Committee Update – Co-Chair Ryan/VC. Lisa Johnson
- a. Co-Chair Ryan shared that the committee did not meet on January 9, 2024, because CCF had not yet had a meeting.
 - b. Co-Chair Ryan shared at the February Post-Tenure Ad Hoc Committee meeting CCF will provide a report and the committee will collate different ideas from the interviews at each campus. Co-Chair Ryan anticipates that a presentation will come back to the RGC committee in April.
14. [Envision 2035 Report](#) – VC. Jerry Rostad
- a. VC. Jerry Rostad shared that the Envision2035 Summit occurred on November 1, 2023.
 - b. Rostad stated that inputs for State-of-the-State address for the Governor were submitted. Three significant initiatives were included in the NDUS submission for the State-of-the-State address:
 - i. First is Digitization and AI. One of the proposals to the Gmnitiat.14d Tw -5 ()-104.7 ()11.6 (-

- v. Target X project has an overall status of yellow and slightly behind schedule (3.7%) and over budget (46.5%).

Adjourn

Committee Co -Chair Bye adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. CT.