1. Call meeting to order – Mike Hillman

Attendance: BSC-Donna Fishbeck; DCB- Dan Davis; DSC- Patti Carr; LRSC- Randy Fixen; MaSC- Ray Gerszewski; MiSC- Dick Jenkins and Kevin; NDSA- Colin Hanson; NDSU- Parkash Mathew, and Kate; NDSCS- Philip Parnell; UND- Laurie Bettering (on behalf of Lori Ressor); VCSC-Vitaliano Figueroa; WSC- Heather Fink; NDUS- Mike Hillman, Becky Lamboley, and Kristie Hetzler

2. Approval of agenda – SAC Members
   Approved

3. Review and Approval SAC Minutes (September 2013)
   Colin Hanson- moved to approve with revisions; Vitaliano seconded

4. Updates:
   A. NDUS Staffing/Search Updates – Mike Hillman
      Advertising for:
      o Auditor
      o Strategic Planner
      o Director of Academic Affairs
      o Communication Specialist
      o Director of Facility Services

   B. Academic Affairs, Cabinet, Board and Legislative Items – Mike Hillman
      Mike would like to add this weeks’ Board meeting to this part of the agenda.

      Review that SAC recommended that the Pathways policy be limited in the implementation. Cabinet members received this update. Mike sent an email containing the updated materials on Pathways on 10-09-13; it should be noted that this is a public document and has been shared with the Board.

      This updated Pathways document was also sent to the Chancellor’s Cabinet members- this provides a little more detail than what was provided in the Board. Specifically, this document has more information regarding the recommendation made by this group pertaining to implementation.

      In terms of timeline, draft for 2015- we are still receiving many questions however we are working through those details. This is moving forward as SAC had intended.

      Details on implementing the policy- we wanted to have documents that are consistent and relatable for the Board members. The intent is to collect the data needed to do a true assessment of the impact of Pathways so that we can plan accordingly.
Academic Affairs Council met face-to-face last week; good meeting, good discussion. They were in agreement with the SAC direction on how to proceed with Pathways.

The Cabinet did have a good discussion of Pathways and was fully supportive of the approach; they underscored the need to come up with the data so that we can gain a solid understanding of the impact.

During the Board meeting, Mike was asked specifically what policies would have to change to implement Pathways. These policies were provided and refinement of the policies were considered to better understand the scope of what the changes in policy would mean.

The question was asked- what is the intent of Pathways and where do we go from here? Mike explained the dynamics of the Board and that the goal is to build as strong of a consensus for how to implement Pathways as we possibly can.

An opportunity for open comments was provided, no comments were made.

Joint Board meeting this week- four board members were able to attend. A major focus of the meeting was P-20. Drake and Dan from BSC gave a great presentation on the math vertigo alignment. Valley City also gave a presentation on the English vertigo alignment. The Board members were very satisfied with the collaboration of the meeting, so much so that the members asked to continue their work, respectively, and called for a special meeting in February to provide updates.

This meeting was also great in that K-12 and Higher Education were able to talk about expectations and needs of one another. We are all in this together and we all agree that we need to continue to work together at a detailed level.

The Governor was able to attend the meeting as well. He spoke on education funding NDCO 15-18.2 and how it was developed. More specifically, he talked about how to raise academic excellence in North Dakota; one entity is not working alone without the collaboration of others. Mike took this to suggest that we should be mindful of this for our Board as we continue to move forward.

Again, we have a split vote, so we are working had to be transparent, maintain open lines of communication, and working towards unified decisions. We are really at the point where we need data to move forward.

Pertaining to the data, several campuses have data reports that pertain to student success as it pertains to various cut scores. If you do have that, it would be helpful to share that with the Board, or at least with this group. Mike will see what Lisa Feldner can do to help with this.

Regarding the transfer student policy- what should the policy be? Pathways suggests a significant change in these admission scores. As you all have mentioned, there is concern in that several of the students who have entered at the current levels outlined by current policy who have improved dramatically over their time and have
become rather successful. We want to be mindful of all the ways that this policy and procedure process will impact our students.

Mike would like to see a couple of case studies on these specific student populations to inform the Board with this group of students. It would be helpful to provide information regarding individuals who would no longer be qualified for financial aid due to the changes that pathways currently suggest. We should also be mindful of the state-rate policies regarding maximum number of credit hours. To whom would we omit with this process? It would be women who have families and are coming back to school to pursue a different career.

The Board appointed Dr. Skogen through the interim- he should provide stability and someone who is knowledgeable about the state as well as the University System.

Parkash—what about timeline? When would the Board like to see a final decision made? Mike suggested that the policy might be available for discussion for the Nov. 21 Board meeting. Our struggle is that we cannot provide the details until we understand the impact.

Considering this, is this timeline doable for us? How will we proceed from this point? In terms of moving forward, Mike thought that we would ask for a representative from each of the councils, and other key representatives come together to work on this. In terms of the data that we are looking for- Skogen asked for the data sets that were provided for the legislative; this has been provided. Parkash- recommendation of providing representatives that will be attending the summit, considering they will already be together.

Mike was asked by the group if he has any update regarding his contract ending. Mike shared that his contract may be extended through the end of November as a part of transition. In the end, it is the Chancellor’s decision and it is the current understanding that Mike cannot continue in his position in its current capacity.

Moving to formula funding- it is a wonderful solution for solving the equity problems and can be very effective. CIP codes and levels of courses- formula funding requires the level of the course as well as the prefix. Somehow we have to get from CIP codes in our current process to prefixes that line up across the system (currently they do not, which could create challenges with the formula funding). Classes from campus to campus that are under the same course, because of the varying prefixes, could be qualified differently for each campus rather than being treated as comparable particularly as it pertains to program codes.

What this means is that we will have to be very diligent in understanding the details of the formula funding.

Discussion was brought back to Mike’s position- Mike shared that his heart is here and he will do everything that he can to help (with the transition and otherwise). Mike has told his staff that they cannot count on him being here after November, and that November he may only be here in transition.
Parkash asked, since Mike is overseeing both SAC and AAC, should we (the two councils) have some say in this? Or have a conversation with the Chancellor?

Mike said that he could not say one way or another.

Dick asked if a resolution of support from the council would be appropriate and shared concern in bringing someone from out of state may be a step backward. Parkash stated that this is something that Mike cannot answer and suggested that the group meets outside of the current meeting without Mike to continue this discussion.

C. NDSA Report – Collin Hanson

Resolution attached (page 2 of agenda)- NDSA wanted to go with the same idea as the SAC resolution that was passed in the last SAC meeting. The week following the SAC meeting, NDSA drafted this resolution- we are in support of the policy, however not the details of index at this time.

Technical Affairs representative resigned, he received a full time position and is no longer a student. They are looking to fill the position in the end of October.

Next NDSA meeting is October 25\textsuperscript{th}-26\textsuperscript{th} at UND.

D. NDHECSAP Report – Becky Lambole

Strategic Prevention Framework – State Initiative Grant (SPF-SIG) has been approved. The grant is for $9.5 million and we are in the third year of five years for the grant. The grant is designed to build infrastructure for the state as well as sustainability. What is notable for this group is that there is a kick-off event scheduled for November 4\textsuperscript{th} in Bismarck which is designed to explain the details of the grant and introduce the application process. Becky serves as a group member who will approve applications and the following steps of the grant process.

Laurie suggested that Becky speak to the public health component of the grant. A requirement of the grant is that public health in each of the local communities is required to be the fiscal agent of the grant. This decision was made in consideration of the diversity of the communities throughout our state. Public health has the most connections and relationships with key members in their respective communities who can help with the assessment, planning, and implementation process. Please note that public health agencies do not have to be the doers, they are able to contract out with local agencies (i.e. campuses, local coalitions and committees, etc.).

5. Discussion/Planning:

A. Student Health Insurance Update – Lisa Johnson

Lisa was unable to phone in- she is reviewing RFPs for Health Insurance, however did provide the following update which was read to the group:

Four proposals were received in response to the RFP for providers of student health insurance. Responses were received from United Healthcare, Sanford, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, and Student Assurance Services (Vaaler). This Thursday and Friday (October 10-11) three subcommittee members are transferring responses into a large matrix for comparative purposes and to aid the full subcommittee in making a
recommendation to the Student Affairs Council. The goal is to make a recommendation to the Student Affairs Council by October 21-25 so that a provider can be identified by November 1. Formal approval by the Student Affairs Council may be solicited via email to meet the deadline of November 1. NDUS general counsel will be drafting a memo to all students detailing changes that have occurred and what to expect in the near future related to student health insurance.

Question was asked regarding timeline- is the intent to have a decision made by November 1st? Becky indicated that she did not know for sure but would follow up with Lisa and report back to the group.

Colin shared that he has received a few more notification from students stating that they have not received any information from the system regarding this. They have received an email from BCBS without much detailed information. The students are complaining because there has not been any information provided by the NDUS office or the individual campuses (~3,400 students on BCBS). Someone needs to send a notification email. Michelle from UND has provided a template that can be used. Parkash has suggested that the letter come out from the NDUS office.

Statement was made that the information included should share that there is a task force working on it, this is what the options are, and what to expect.

Parkash made the point that there is a listserv however he is unsure who is on this list.

Collin-Does someone have an electronic copy? Laurie asked for Colin’s email address and will send that out right away (Becky asked to be copied). Becky will follow up with Lisa.

Metc- are they still in the running? Unknown, will follow up with Lisa.

B. Review of draft SBHE policies pertaining to Pathways implementation – Mike Hillman

Ray- few questions regarding the data analysis: is there is an expectation that we will be asked to do the same with our 2013 data as we were for the 2012 data? Mike’s guess is yes. We are working hard to do what we can to sort out the details as much as possible prior to implementation.

Is there any other talk about looking at the outcomes, in terms of what the outcomes of students are as a result of pathways?

There has been some discussions between some campuses and Lisa Feldner. The trick will be determining which probability of success we are looking for. With time, higher education will likely move to ‘probably of success,’ from the current ‘students’ right to fail’.

To gain input from members- suggest the same as Parkash –pull the group from the Summit to gain insight to the outcomes measures we want to look at.

C. HLC site visit to the NDUS Office – Mike Hillman
The visit that was originally planned for October will not occur until December or perhaps March. Additional time is being provided, like at HLC’s request. This gives us more time to respond to the information requested by HLC.

We do still have a three person group- representative from NDUS and from two campuses – who has been working on drafting a response. There is current work being done to bring the response up to agreement with the Board- the Board president has taken the role of drafting the responses.

D. Mental Health Funding - Mike Hillman/Becky Lamboley

Becky provided a summary of the four recommendations were approved and an update on each:

- A Mental Health Task Force was created a few years back with representatives from each campus, including student involvement. This group developed these recommendations, four of the original nine were funded. We have been in conversation with Dr. Bill Burns, from NDSU, who chaired this group and he is willing to take on this role again now. This group will be utilized to ask questions and receive input before we move forward on each of the recommendations.

- After hours crisis intervention and emergency services: Becky has been in contact with First Link (which NDSU and UND currently make use of) and has as scheduled tour to learn more. Becky has also gained feedback from NDSU and Und regarding their satisfaction with the system.

- Education and training: There is also funding to send two individuals for Mental Health First Aid training to become instructors. There are currently instructors at UND and NDSU, with Becky becoming certified it makes sense for the other individual to be someone from the western portion of the state. Funding is also providing training for a one time Mental Health First Aid for campus representatives who do not work day in, day out in Mental Health but still interact with these issues (front line staff, etc.).

- Students of Concern Committees/Behavioral Intervention Teams: Some campuses already have a team similar to this, or several teams who serve this purpose but are split out into different areas. This recommendation is to establish a team on every campus and to provide training through the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management.

- Psychiatric Support: we are in conversation with Dr. Wynn at UND’s med. school to see about contracting through them to provide psychiatric support. Considering travel limitations/limitations in funding for travel, tele-medicine is also being explored for this purpose.

Becky will provide a list of the members of the task force to this group.

E. Title IX - Violence Against Women Act

Laurie- speaking on behalf of UND’s Dean of Students, Cara Halgren, they have not been able to find a solution to this. They are looking at something that they could create in-house (including information that Becky had provided while working at UND). Perhaps we could do something at the state level?

NDSCS- this is currently impacting our students as well as our police force. If we could find something that we could do that is more local rather than sending a bunch of
people out of state for training, that would be very helpful. We haven’t had a chance to have a conversation with what is taking place. We have had a consultant on campus (someone from South Dakota).

6. NDUS Policies and Procedures:
   A. SBHE Policy 2155 North Dakota school for the Deaf grants—Becky Lamboley/Mike Hillman
      See attachment- the process doesn’t appear to have changed from what had been in place in the past.
      Parkash shared that this has been a seamless process in the past.
      Mike asked if this document was currently in the right hands or are there others we should send this too? The group agreed that they can disseminate for each of their respective campuses.
   B. SBHE Admission Policy—Mike Hillman
   C. SBHE Policy 440 Enrollment Reporting

7. Announcements
   North Dakota General Education Summit hosted by Bismarck State College and the North Dakota University System on Friday, November 1, 2013

8. Future Meetings: Thursday, November 14th Face to Face 10:00AM – 3:30PM (CT)
    Bismarck State College Horizon Conference Room
    Thursday, December 12, 201 Audio conference 1:00PM – 3:00PM

9. Adjourn
    Mike, Becky, and Kristie with the NDUS office left the conference call while the other SAC member remained on to go back to their conversation about the ending of Mike’s contract.