North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Committee on Academic and Student Affairs  
Minutes of the 12 March 2015 Meeting

The State Board of Higher Education’s Academic and Student Affairs Committee met by conference call on Thursday, 12 March 2015, at 11:00 a.m. CDT. The call originated in the NDUS Conference Room, 10th floor of the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members participating:
- Ms. Kari Reichert, Committee Chair
- Mr. Chris McEwen, SBHE Student member
- Dr. Eric Murphy, Faculty Adviser, non-voting

NDUS staff participating:
- Chancellor Larry C. Skogen
- Dr. Richard Rothaus, Director of Academic Programs, Accreditation, and Research
- Ms. Nancy Green, Administrative Assistant for Academic and Student Affairs

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members not present:
- Dr. Terry Hjelmstad
- Dr. Sonia Cowen, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Guests:
- Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC
- Dr. Tisa Mason, VCSU
- Dr. Tom DiLorenzo, UND

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve was moved by Mr. McEwen and seconded by Chair Reichert.  
Action: Motion was approved by McEwen, and Reichert.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve was moved by Mr. McEwen and seconded by Chair Reichert.  
Action: Motion was approved by McEwen, and Reichert.

Announcement of Chancellor’s Action(s): Reviewed by the Cabinet and approved by the Chancellor on 11 March 2015.

New Prefix
Stage I -- New Program

- North Dakota State University’s request for a new program: Minor in Biomedical Engineering, (CIP Code 14.0501), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: Minor in Biomedical Engineering, (CIP Code 14.0501), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, (CIP Code 14.0801), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, (CIP Code 14.1001), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Energy Engineering, (CIP Code 14.999), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering, (CIP Code 14.1401), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Geological Engineering, (CIP Code 14.3901), effective fall 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for a new program: M.S., M.Engr., and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, (CIP Code 14.1901), effective fall 2015.

Stage II -- Distance Education Program

- Lake Region State College’s request for distance delivery: A.A.S. in Precision Agriculture, (CIP Code 01.0101), effective fall 2015.

Stage II -- Program Name Change

- University of North Dakota’s request to use title M.S. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology through spring 2019 for students already in the program, and the title M.S. and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences for students newly admitted to the program, (CIP Code 26.0102), effective fall 2014.

Academic Request Action(s):

Stage II -- New Programs

  
  Motion to approve was moved by Mr. McEwen and seconded by Chair Reichert.
  
  Action: Motion was approved by McEwen, and Reichert.
Stage II – Organizational Change

- Mayville State University’s request for an organizational change: From Division of Education and Psychology to Division of Education, effective fall 2016.
- North Dakota State University’s request for an organizational change: From College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Science to College of Health Professions, effective spring 2015.
- North Dakota State University’s request for an organizational change: From Department of Nursing to School of Nursing, effective spring 2015.
- North Dakota State University’s request for an organizational change: From College of Pharmacy to School of Pharmacy, effective spring 2015.
- North Dakota State University’s request for an organizational change: From MPH Master of Public Health program housed within Department of Pharmacy Practice to Department of Public Health (stand-alone department), effective spring 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Basic Science, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Geriatrics, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Medical Laboratory Science, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Neurology, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Physician Assistant Studies, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Population Health, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to establish a new department: Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to terminate a department: Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to terminate a department: Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to terminate a department: Department of Clinical Neuroscience, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to terminate a department: Department of Microbiology and Immunology, effective summer 2015.
- University of North Dakota’s request for an organizational change to terminate a department: Department of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Therapeutics, effective summer 2015.

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Action: Motion was approved by McEwen, and Reichert.
Discussion
Program Duplication and Institutional Mission
Chancellor Skogen reported program duplication and institutional mission has been discussed at the Chancellor’s Cabinet and Academic Affairs Council. By policy, the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) has a responsibility to oversee mission expansion and program duplication. Being responsive to the community, MaSU, DSU, and VCSU would like to provide a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.). The SBHE should have a discussion about mission responsiveness separate from the approval of any specific program. The SBHE needs to decide what are the best ways for institutions to be mission responsive. AAC is working on a position paper that will go to the SBHE Committee on Academics and Student Affairs and the SBHE. The current Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) requests are being tabled until the SBHE has made a decision. The Chancellor’s Cabinet thinks the discussion and decision should be made at the level of the SBHE. The Committee suggested this be a SBHE retreat discussion.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.