The State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee met via conference call, Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. CT. The call originating from the North Dakota University System Office, 10th Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. CT.

SBHE Committee on Academic and Student Affairs members present:
- Mr. Morton, Chair
- Mr. Mike Ness
- Mr. Nick Evans
- Dr. Ernst Pijning, Faculty Adviser

Other Participants:
- Chancellor Hagerott, NDUS
- Dr. Richard Rothaus, NDUS
- Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, NDUS
- Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
- Mr. Chris Erickson, NDUS
- Dr. Laura Oster-Aaland, and Ms. Merideth Sherlin, NDSU
- Acting President Miller, WSC
- Mr. Nick Vaughn and Mr. Chris Pieske, Attorney General Office

1. Agenda
   Ness moved, Evans seconded, to approve agenda.
   Evans, Ness, and Morton voted yes.

2. Meeting Minutes
   Evans moved, Ness seconded, to approve the January 18th meeting minutes.
   Evans, Ness, and Morton voted yes.

Announcement of Chancellor’s Action(s): Item 3 was reviewed and approved by the Chancellor’s Cabinet on February 8, 2017.

3. Stage I-New Program(s): (Chancellor announces request to SBHE)
4. **Policy 505 - Student Health Insurance**
Richard Rothaus reviewed amendments to policy 505. It separates the domestic and international student health insurance premiums. There will still be waivers for students that already have adequate health insurance. The system office is currently working on a communication plan to inform students.

Ness moved, Evans seconded, to approve amendments to policy 505.

Evan, Ness, and Morton voted yes.

5. **Policy 605.3 - Nonrenewal, Termination or Dismissal of Faculty**
The committee discussed the following topics regarding policy 605.3:
- Faculty Hiring Cycle
- Sunset clause
- flexibility with campus budgets
- Change 90-day notification to 180 days
- Notification is at the deception of each President, only sets a minimum
- Contracts and legal ramifications
- Recruitment of qualified faculty
- Definition of financial exigency
- Differences in individual campus needs/economy scales

6. **HB1329 – Student Free Speech**
The committee had a thorough discussion regarding student’s free speech. There are many concerns that were expressed, including legal ramification and functional problems that would have to be administered on the campuses. Richard Rothaus will follow up with any new developments prior to the Board taking a position.

7. **NDSU and UND Core Course Admission Standards**
The Committee discussed recommending the admissions standards for UND and NDSU to remain at 14 core courses, rather than increase them to 15.

Ness moved, Evans seconded, to require 14 core courses for UND and NDSU admissions standards.

Ness and Evans voted yes. Morton voted no.

8. **Future Agenda Items**
Discussion regarding identifying peer institutions and aspirational institutions by each NDUS campus within their tiers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. CT.