1. **Issue:** North Dakota State University (NDSU) has submitted a Stage II request to terminate the College of University Studies.

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II request of NDSU to terminate the College of University Studies.

3. **Background information:** NDSU has undergone strategic planning and budget realignment discussions resulting in the phasing out of the College of University Studies. The affiliated programs would be restructured under other colleges. If approved, the College of University Studies would no longer be offered after July 1, 2017.

4. **Financial implications:** The proposed restructuring is anticipated to reduce administrative overhead costs.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 307.1 Institutional Organization Notice and Approval states: “1. Board approval is required to create, discontinue or name a school, college, center or institute. Institutions shall submit such requests, along with rationale and supporting information, to the Chancellor and the Chancellor shall forward the proposal to the Board with a recommendation.”

   “2. As used in this policy, ‘center or institute’ means a unit that has as a primary function or activity academic instruction, research, or service beyond the immediate campus community. The terms do not include space designations, or units that simply have the word ‘center’ in their title, or units that provide non-academic services, such as dining centers.”

6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the April 5, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination:** On April 5, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee/SBHE for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments:** The Stage II request is attached.

9. **Contact information:** Richard M. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.

10. **Chancellor’s recommendation:** Chancellor recommends approval.