Summary of Proposed Action
ND State Board of Higher Education
Meeting – May 15, 2017

1. **Issue:** Minot State University (MiSU), the University of North Dakota (UND), and North Dakota State University (NDSU) are submitting Stage II requests to offer a graduate certificates in Cybersecurity, CIP Code 11.1003, via distance delivery.

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II requests of MiSU and UND to offer Cybersecurity, CIP Code 11.1003, via distance delivery in collaboration. Approve/deny the NDSU request conditional upon submission of institutional paperwork to the System office.

3. **Background information:** The proposed graduate certificates from MiSU, UND, and NDSU meet workforce and student demand. These are not technically joint programs, as students must take 50% of the curriculum at their home institution. The institutions are, however, sharing courses to provide students with expertise and instruction from leading faculty across the State. The graduate certificates advance the NexusND initiative.

4. **Financial implications:** MiSU estimates their three-year implementation costs to be $25,524.40 with estimated revenue to be approximately $37,083.96 at the end of the third year based on enrollment projections. UND estimates their three-year implementation costs to be $90,780 with estimated revenue to be approximately $90,780 by the end of the third year based on enrollment projections. NDSU’s implementation costs and revenue will be similar.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 403.1 Program Approval states: “Board approval is required for all new programs of study that designate a focused collection of instructional/learning activities the completion of which signifies a level of competence which the awarding institution so designates by a notation on the front of the student transcript.”

6. **Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the May 3, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.

7. **Coordination:** On May 3, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor’s Cabinet and advance to the SBHE for approval/denial.

8. **Attachments:** The Stage II requests are attached.

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10. **Chancellor’s recommendation:** Reviewed at the May 10, 2017 Chancellor Cabinet meeting. Chancellor recommends approval.