1. **Issue:** Presentation of the four Faculty Commendatory awards for the Board’s consideration.
   - Dr. Marcus Weaver-Hightower, Professor, Education & Human Development, University of North Dakota;
   - Dr. Florin Salajan, Associate Professor, School of Education, North Dakota State University;
   - Dr. Sarah Sletten, Assistant Professor of Biology, Division of Science, Mayville State University; and,
   - Dr. Gary Albrightson, Associate Professor, Fine Arts & Communications, Dakota College at Bottineau

2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the four faculty commendatory awards.

3. **Background information:** HB1201 established funding for commendatory awards to higher education faculty members. The NDUS was funded to give annually four $500 awards to full-time faculty to recognize their use of technology in the delivery innovative classroom instruction. Legislation stipulated that each year there would one faculty recipient recognized from North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota, a NDUS regional four-year institution, and a NDUS community college.

4. **Financial implications:** The funding for the faculty awards was designated within HB1201 and is no longer funded after 2017.

5. **Legal/policy issues:** None.

6. **Academic issues:** None.

7. **Coordination:** Members of the Academic Affairs Council reviewed the nominations at their May 3, 2017 meeting and support the nominations that have been presented.

8. **Attachments:** Documentation for the four nominations 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 recommendation:** N/A