

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on December 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. CT., via Microsoft Teams.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. DJ Campbell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, faculty advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Max Eriksrud | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC, Ms. Alicia Uhde, Dr. Kaylyn Bondy, **DCB**, Interim Dean Gorder, Ms. Kayla O'Toole, **DSU**, President Molander, Ms. Kayla Noah, Dr. Holly Gruhlke, **LRSC**, President Simone, Mr. Casey Zehrer, Mr. Lloyd Halvorson **MaSU**, Dr. Brian Huschle, Ms. Rhonda Nelson, **NDSCS**, President Flanigan, Ms. Melissa Johnson, Mr. Terry Marohl, **UND**, Dr. Eric Link, Mr. Art Malloy, **VCSU**, Mr. Larry Brooks, **WSC**, President Hirning, Dr. Zahi Atallah, Ms. Megan Kasner.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS, Commissioner Sanford, Ms. Sharon Schwartzbauer, Ms. Christina Pieske, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Ms. Mindy Stern, DC Lisa Johnson, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Mr. Christopher Pieske, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Billie Jo Lorius **CTS**, Mr. Corey Quirk **Assistant Attorney General**, Mr. Shaun McNamara

Call to Order

1. Agenda

- a. Mr. Black moved, Mr. Campbell seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

2. Meeting Minutes

- a. Mr. Campbell moved, Mr. Black seconded, to approve the November 18th [meeting minutes](#), as presented. Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Committee Business

3. New Academic Program Requests

- a. [Bismarck State College](#)
 - i. [UG Certificate in Athletic Coaching](#)
 - ii. [UG Certificate in Biotechnology](#)
 - iii. [UG Certificate in Events Planning](#)
 - iv. [UG Certificate in Nonprofit Management](#)

Ms. Alicia Uhde presented the four undergraduate certificates for BSC. Black moved, Campbell seconded to approve the four undergraduate certificates. Motion carried, 3-0.

The North Dakota University System is governed by the State Board of Higher Education and includes:

[Bismarck State College](#) • [Dakota College at Bottineau](#) • [Dickinson State University](#) • [Lake Region State College](#) • [Mayville State University](#) • [Minot State University](#) • [North Dakota State College of Science](#) • [North Dakota State University](#) • [University of North Dakota](#) • [Valley City State University](#) • [Williston State College](#)

b. [Dickinson State University](#)

i. [Minor in Communication Design](#)

Dr. Holly Gruhlke presented the Minor in Communication Design for Dickinson State University.

Campbell moved, Black seconded, to approve the Minor in Communication Design. Motion carried, 3-0.

c. [Lake Region State College](#)

i. [A.A.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography](#)

ii. [A.A.S. in Medical Lab Technician](#)

Mr. Lloyd Halvorson presented two A.A.S. degrees for Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Medical Lab Technician.

Campbell moved, Black seconded to approve the two A.A.S. degrees for LRSC. Motion carried, 3-0.

d. [University of North Dakota](#)

i. [B.B.A. in Real Estate](#)

Dr. Eric Link presented a B.B.A. degree in Real Estate for UND.

Black moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the B.B.A. degree in Real Estate. Motion carried, 3-0.

e. [Valley City State University](#)

i. [UG Certificate in Vocal Pedagogy](#)

Mr. Larry Brooks presented an undergraduate certificate in Vocal Pedagogy for VCSU.

Campbell moved, Black seconded, to approve the undergraduate certificate in Vocal Pedagogy. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Adjourn

- a. Committee Chair Biller adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m., CT.