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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Action Item

The State Board of Higher Education Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on June 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. CT. via Teams.

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee members

- ☒ Mr. Curtis Biller, Chair
- ☒ Mr. Kevin Black (arrived at 1:29 p.m.)
- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell
- ☒ Mr. Max Eriksrud
- ☒ Ms. Michelle Kommer
- ☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, faculty advisor

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: Ms. Alicia Uhde, Dr. Kaylyn Bondy, **DCB:** Dean Gorder, Ms. Misty Lindgren, **DSU:** Dr. Holly Gruhlke, **LRSC:** President Simone, **MaSU:** Dr. Brian Huschle, Ms. Rhonda Nelson**, MiSU:** President Shirley, Mr. Kevin Harmon, Dr. Laurie Geller, **NDSCS:** Mr. Terry Marohl, Ms. Melissa Johnson**, NDSU:** Dr. Shari Veil, Dr. Laura Oster-Aaland**, UND:** Dr. Art Malloy, Dr. Eric Link, **VCSU:** Mr. Larry Brooks, **WSC:** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS: Commissioner Sanford, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Christina Pieske, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Mindy Sturn, DC Lisa Johnson, Ms. Edynn Glatt, Mr. Eric Jensen, Dr. Billie Jo Lorius, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, Dr. Jennifer Weber, **Attorney General's Office:** Mr. Shaun McNamara, **North Dakota IT Dept.:** Mr. Jeff Bradford, Mr. Tracy Corsmo.

1. **# Agenda**
   Kommer moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.
   Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. **# Meeting Minutes**
   Campbell moved, Kommer seconded, to approve the May 19, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented.
   Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **# New Academic Program Request (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)**
   a. Dickinson State University
      i. UG Certificate in Applied Teaching and Learning in the Workplace
      ii. UG Certificate in General Studies
      iii. B.S.Ed. in Agriculture Education

   Dr. Holly Gruhlke presented three new program requests: two undergraduate certificates (Applied Teaching and Learning in the Workplace, and General Studies) and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education.

Campbell moved, Eriksrud seconded to approve the three new program requests from DSU.
Black was absent. Motion passed, 4-0.

b. Lake Region State College
    i. UG Certificate in Applied Agronomy
    ii. UG Certificate in Foundations in Agriculture Education

President Simone introduced two new short certificates in agriculture and agronomy, which are embedded within the existing AAS in agriculture.
Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve LRSC's two new certificate requests.
Black was absent. Motion passed, 4-0.

2. # Academic Program Termination (conclusion at SBHE ASAC)

a. Dakota College at Bottineau
    i. UG Certificate and Diploma in Bookkeeping
    ii. UG Certificate in Information Technology – Web Design
    iii. A.A.S. in Information Technology - Computer Office Management
    iv. A.A.S. in Information Technology – Webmaster

Ms. Misty Lindgren explained the request to terminate four programs (two certificates and two AAS degrees) due to low or no enrollment as part of a broader program cleanup effort.
Kommer moved, Eriksrud seconded to approve DCB's request to terminate four programs due to low or no enrollment.
Black was absent. Motion passed, 4-0.

b. Mayville State University
    i. Undeclared Major
    ii. Concentration in Music
    iii. Provisional Enrollment Status
    iv. UG Certificate in College Studies
    v. UG Certificate in Online Digital Teaching
    vi. Minor in Business Education
    vii. Minor, Major, B.A.S., B.S. in Computer Information Systems
    viii. Minor in Developmental Adapted PE
    ix. Minor in Education Technology
    x. Minor in English Education
    xi. Minor in Exercise Science/Sports Management
    xii. Minor, Major, and B.S. in History Education
    xiii. Minor in Math Education
    xiv. Minor in Physical Science Education
    xv. Minor in Psychology Education
    xvi. Minor in Science Education
    xvii. Minor, Major, B.S.Ed. in Social Science Education
    xviii. Minor and Concentration in Information Tech Cert
    xix. Minor, Major, and B.S.Ed. in Music Education
    xx. B.S.Ed. and Major in Composite Chemistry Education
    xxi. B.S.Ed. and Major in Composite Physical Science Education
    xxii. B.S. and Major in Geography Education
    xxiii. B.S. and Major in Medical Lab Science

Dr. Brian Huschle described a large-scale catalogue cleanup involving the termination of 23 programs, including minors, bachelor's degrees, and certificates.
Kommer moved, Eriksrud seconded to approve MaSU's request to terminate 23 programs from their catalogue.
Black was absent. Motion passed, 4-0.

 # SBHE Policy

3. Policy 422 Review of Low-Producing Programs
   DC Lisa Johnson presented the new Policy 422 on the review of low producing programs. She explained that Policy 422 is a new policy designed to formalize the review of low producing academic programs, focusing on associate, bachelor's, and master's level programs, and excluding certificates and diplomas. The policy aims to ensure academic quality and stewardship of public resources, with a rolling five-year review period to identify programs with low graduate output. The policy sets thresholds for low producing programs. Dr. Montplaisir raised concerns about the term 'low producing' being conflated with low quality, suggesting alternatives like 'low enrollment' or 'low completer' to avoid negative connotations. DC Johnson agreed to consider alternative terminology, such as 'low program completions.'
   Eriksrud moved, Kommer seconded to approve Policy 422.
   Motion passed, 5-0.

4. Policy 605.1 Academic Appointments
   Mr. Pieske explained proposed amendments to Policy 605.1, including exemptions for administrators from post-tenure review, clarification of outcomes for unsatisfactory reviews, and requirements for institutional workload policies.
   Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve Policy 650.1, as amended.
   Motion passed, 5-0.

Discussion/Reports/Updates

5. Digital Credentials
   DC Johnson introduced Mr. Tracy Corsmo and Mr. Jeff Bradford from the North Dakota IT Department to present on digital credentials, with a demonstration of the digital credentialing infrastructure and discussion of its benefits and implementation across campuses.

3. **Adjourn**
   Committee Chair Biller adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m., CT.