



April 15, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research Committee met on Wednesday, April 15th at 3:15 p.m. CT., via conference call.

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research Committee members participating:

- Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
- Ms. Kathleen Neset
- Mr. Don Morton

NDUS staff participating:

- Chancellor Mark Hagerott
- Mr. Ryan Jockers, Strategic Analytics Coordinator
- Ms. Kristie Hetzler, Executive Assistant to the SBHE
- Ms. Billie Jo Lorus, Director of Communications
- Ms. Terry Meyer, Chief of Staff

Others Participating:

- Interim President Wyn

comprising of NDUS VPP representatives to review the document and provide the SBHE Research Committee with recommendations.

Morton moved, Neset seconded, to add Dr. John Mihelich, Dr. Jane Schuh, Chair Ryan, and President Bresciani as the NDUS representatives to the sub-committee.

Morton, Neset, and Ryan voted yes.

Chair Ryan made a note that the sub-committee is advisory only.

Dr. Mihelich and Dr. Schuh briefed the committee on potential forward looking research metrics that can be used in the near future to gauge progress of the research enterprise. Each metric is to be used according to the current need and focus of the research initiatives at the time of review. For most metrics, information can be broken down by discipline or college, and apply to primarily undergraduate institutions (PUI) as well.

Dr. DeMuth volunteered to begin surveying the research activity of the PUIs.

Dr. Mihelich and Dr. Schuh updated the committee on the status of the Commercialization/IP initiative. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cortnee has been assigned to other duties at the Department of Commerce, and is unable to work on the initiative at this time. There is hope that work will continue, but it is uncertain at this time.

The Chancellor, Dr. Mihelich and Dr. Schuh opened the discussion on the continuing issue of attracting research faculty in the midst of recurring budget cuts in a cyclical economic environment. Dr. Mihelich and Dr. Schuh will begin to develop strategies for attracting and retaining faculty, then present their findings to the committee in the near future.

Chancellor Hagerott proposed the idea of discussing human capital initiatives with the Governor at the next strategy session, in which funding could come from the General Fund.

Chancellor Hagerott provided an update on COVID-19 impacts to both NDUS and SBHE Research Committee initiatives.

Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 4:15p.m. CT.

Approved May 13, 2020.