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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Special Research and Governance Committee  
December 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Co-chairs Ryan and Bye called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. CT.

SBHE Research Committee members participating:

- Dr. Casey Ryan, Chair
- Ms. Danita Bye
- Dr. John Warford
- Dr. Legerski, SBHE Faculty Adviser

NDUS staff participating:

- Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS
- Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS
- Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
- Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
- Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
- Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
- Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS

Others Participating:

- Dr. John Mihelich, UND
- President Dean Bresciani, NDSU
- Dr. Collen Fitzgerald, NDSU
- Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
- Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

RESEARCH ITEMS

1. INBRE  
Dr. Mihelich provided an update on

Committee members also discussed the mission of INBRE, the need to continue building on the research work with tribal colleges and working with legislation for more research funding.

2. EPSCoR

The committee discussed the necessary cross connection between NDSU and UND for both EPSCoR and INBRE to elevate research within the state. They identified the grants are not identical and that EPSCoR and INBRE have different requirements that need to be fulfilled. They recognized the funding is limited but stated the efforts to work with various types of industry and stakeholders across the state remains a vital component to expand research in the State. Both EPSCoR and INBRE will be working together to collaborate and/or contract with the other nine colleges and tribal colleges on research initiatives.

President Bresciani stated that there is work efforts being done in every county of the state and the five tribes remain essential on both the research and economic development fronts. He stated they have people in various locations working consistently and positively with each tribal community within the ND state borders.

Williston State College will provide a presentation on their research initiative to the committee at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. CT.

Approved January 19, 2022.