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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

June 23, 2022, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, June 23rd at 4:00 p.m. CT, via teams and/or conference call.

Co-chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. CT.

SBHE Committee members participating:

- Dr. Casey Ryan, Co-Chair
- Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair
- Dr. John Warford
- Dr. Elizabeth Legerski, Faculty Advisor

NDUS staff participating:

- Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS
- Ms. Dina Cashman, NDUS
- Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
- Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
- Ms. Karol Riedman, NDUS
- Mr. Darin King, CTS
- Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
- Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS

Others Participating:

- President Darling, LRSC
- President Hirning, WSC
- President Cook, NDSU
- Dean Migler, DCB
- President Armacost, UND
- President Van Horn, MaSU
- President Shirley, MiSU
- President Easton, DSU
- Dr. David DeMuth, VCSU
- Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, NDSU
- Dr. John Mitchell, UND

Chancellor Hagerott informed the committee that USICA remains strongly supported, but there

1. **Agenda** has been no final action as of June 14
And

2. **May 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Warford moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda and the May 18, 2022, meeting minutes, as presented.

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the Montana regarding the Federal Legislation for research dollars for low population consortium and Senator Tester's strong support of it. He also stated that he briefed the Interim Legislative Committee on USICA, along with legacy stream for research enterprise. Dr. Fitzgerald stated she has heard some concerns from other VPs and AVPs regarding support for a low population consortium going forward, however, there is still issues with the size of the bill and around foreign security and research security.

The committee will continue to receive updates going forward.

4. Update on Research

Dr. Delore Zimmerman was unavailable to provide an update at this meeting.

5. Update on Research Working Group

Dr. John Mihelich and Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald stated that they continue to inform legislators, individuals from economic development, and others on components of the legacy research initiative. The committee members also discussed previous legislation regarding funding for research, the amendments that were made to previous bills, and how to frame the proposal going forward this legislative year. The research working group will tentatively meet once more over the summer and reconvene the meetings in the fall to continue their work.

Committee member Bye stated she attended the Interim higher Education Committee meeting in Minot, and they were given a tour of the Minot State University facilities, including a highlight on their undergraduate research work. She stated MiSU representatives were very clear and appreciative on working in collaboration with UND and NDSU on research initiatives.

Dr. Ryan thanked Dr. Legerski, SBHE Faculty Advisor, for her service on the Board and her input on the Research and Governance Committee (her SBHE term expires 6/30/2022).

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Warford, Bye, and Ryan voted yes.

7. **CTS Project Report**

Mr. Darin King reviewed the [CTS Project report](#); the committee had no concerns.

8. **Strategic Plan**

Mr. Jerry Rostad explained the [Strategic Plan](#) was introduced to the Board at their May meeting and is being brought back for additional discussion, if needed, and action. He stated that last year, when we updated the strategic plan, there were three outcomes that were tabled and