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### **North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**

November 16, 2022, Research and Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Research and Governance Committee met on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m.

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

SBHE Committee members participating:

Dr. Casey Ryan, Co-Chair  
Ms. Danita Bye, Co-Chair  
Dr. John Warford  
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

NDUS staff participating:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott, NDUS  
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS  
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS  
Mr. Darin King, CTS  
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS  
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS  
Mr. Dustin Walcker, NDUS

Others Participating:

Mihelich, UND  
Armacost, UND  
Hirning, WSC  
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Demuth, VCSU  
Jensen, BSC  
Easton, DSU  
Huschle, MaSU  
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Chancellor Hagerott stated the Mountains and Plains University Innovation Alliance is now in existence with five States and thirteen universities. The discussions have moved forward to the Governors; Chancellor Hagerott has already convened with Governor Burgum's office to offer details on the business, innovation, and research alliance. Mr. Mihelich explained that the MOU's have been signed and includes the CHIPS Act and several similar opportunities. The network and alliances were created for both research and academic program collaboration across the states. The committee discussed analyzing what avenues could benefit the tribal colleges directly and/or in collaboration efforts. The committee discussed member Warford joining Drs. Mihelich and Fitzgerald when reaching out to the tribal colleges; Member Warford stated it is essential to maintain collaboration/inclusion of the NDUS four regional universities and five community colleges. The committee agreed there is a workforce element, along with research component. Dr. Fitzgerald informed the committee that she recently attended an Association of Public Land grant universities meeting, which opened an opportunity to set the foundation for networking/relationship building. It will be important to know and utilize each other's strengths and networks; there will be various ways to collaborate on larger federal projects.

**4. Update on Research Working Group**

Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald stated that the group plans on meeting in December and one of topics will be in regard to the legacy request, another topic is a collective infrastructure that is needed for supporting undergraduate research. Dr. Demuth stated there is an interest in deploying an undergraduate research program that could be useful to all NDUS campuses; there are other universities with similar programs that NDUS institutions could use as a model.

Dr. Warford informed the committee that during the last EPSCoR meeting, there was confirmation that all participants are collaborating and moving in the right direction. He also indicated the team is confident that the 2024 deadline will be met for track one.

Dr. Delore Zimmerman from Valley Prosperity stated the executive committee will be meeting within the next couple days to discuss next steps forward with o(6.7 (n).5 e)10.6 7-12.2 \$7TJ0 Tc 4.4 \$T7 (t6.7 6)

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