



The North Dakota State Staff Senate met on April 12, 2021 via TEAMS.

- I. Call to order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm CT on April 12, 2021 by ND State Staff Senate President Michael Linnell (MiSU).
- II. Roll call
 - a. **Bismarck State College (BSC):** Caitlin Magilke
 - b. **Core Technology Services Office (CTSO):** Ramona Breuer, Benjamin Ford, Crystal Tangsrud
 - c. **Dakota College Bottineau (DCB):** Heidi Hauf
 - d. **Dickinson State University (DSU):** Laura Fetting
 - e. **Lake Region State College (LRSC):** Andy Wakeford
 - f. **Mayville State University (MaSU):** Alyson Beckman, Heather Bolstad, Misti Wuori
 - g. **Minot State University (MiSU):** Lindsey Benson, Michael Linnell
 - h. **North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS):** Leslie Shirek
 - i. **North Dakota State University (NDSU):** Al Bernardo, Kay Hopkins
 - j. **University of North Dakota (UND):** Tyler Clauson, Megan Wasylow
 - k. **Valley City State University (VCSU):** (Absent)
 - l. **Williston State College (WSC):** Megan Kasner, Kristina Kitchens
 - m. **NDUS Representative:** (Absent)
 - n. **HRC Representative (DSU):** Laura Fetting
 - o. **HRC Liaison:** (Absent)
 - p. **SBHE Representative (BSC):** Retha Mattern
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Megan Wasylow (UND) and seconded by Kristina Kitchens (WSC). Following a vote, motion carried, agenda approved as is.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kristina Kitchens (WSC) and seconded by Al Bernardo (NDSU). Following a vote, motion carried, minutes approved as is.
- V. Reports
 - a. Campus Updates – Submit updates via the website by April 26th.
 - b. SBHE Staff Advisor Report – Retha Mattern (BSC) reported that the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) met on March 25th. Discussion was held on the following topics – COVID update, fee increases, and legislative update. The next SBHE meeting is scheduled for April 29th at Williston State College. The agenda will be available at <https://ndus.edu/sbhe-overview/agendas-minutes-videos/>.
 - c. HRC – Laura Fetting (DSU) reported that the HRC met on April 6th. No updates.
- VI. Business Agenda –
 - a. Taskforce Chair Updates
 - i. Legislative – Andy Wakeford – Lisa Johnson and Jane Grinde met with Andy to discuss bills the NDUS is following. HB1209 – NDPERS Employee Contribution rates – turning into a study; HB 1245 – retirement/benefits; HB 1503 – Free Speech; SB 2030 – challenge grant – removed private institutions; SB 2046 – PERS contribution increases; SB 2341 – insurance data that is collected; HB 1029 & 1042 – passed; HB 1441 – paid family medical leave – look at over interim / SB 2003 - possible salary increase; mask mandates – discretion of local entities, not state.

- ii. Tuition Waiver – Brian Schill – no updates. Laura shared information regarding potential partnership with ND United in the future to bring this forward.
 - b. Senate Bill 2030 updates – no updates.
 - c. Campus Updates – Andy Wakeford and Maria Wingenbach will represent NDSSS on the Retirement Plan Oversight Committee. LRSC – certificates of thanks for staff appreciation on doors. UND – hosting spring fling on 4/13 for staff – giving breakfast to overnight staff and lunch to all staff – drive through service – speaker via zoom – collecting donations for an employee who lost their home to a fire. MiSU – social justice speaker on April 14 and 15 – in person and via zoom – Minot State day of giving
 - d. Staff Senate Summer Meeting – Survey results – meet in person – beginning planning phases; tentative dates June 22-23; will be 2 half-day sessions with remote access available.
 - e. Staff Senate and COVID-19 Vaccinations – no new discussion.
- VII. Open Discussion –
- a. No open discussion.
- VIII. Future Meetings
- a. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2021, from 2:30-4:00pm CT. Send agenda items to President Michael Linnell (MiSU)
- IX. Adjournment
- a. The meeting adjourned at 3:23pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Fetting (DSU)
ND SSS Secretary 2020-21