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Meeting Agenda***

***March 13, 2023 ~ 2:30 PM CT via Teams***

***The NDUS Staff Senate serves to represent staff employees from the eleven academic institutions and employees throughout the university system. The Senate identifies staff interests and issues; acts as a forum for the discussion of staff-related matters; and facilitates communication on behalf of the campus staff members with the NDUS Chancellor and the State Board of Higher Education.***

1. Call to Order 2:31
2. Roll Call
   1. BSC – Caitlin Magilke
   2. CTS – N/A
   3. DCB – April Abrahamson, Carissa Pollman, & Jalee Lynnes
   4. DSU – Samantha Wohletz & Laura Fetting
   5. LRCS – N/A
   6. MaSU – Robert Davis & Terresa Agnes
   7. MiSU – Janese Lehman and Michael Linnell
   8. NDSCS – Lisa Braun
   9. NDSU – Kay Hopkins & Al Bernardo
   10. UND – Andrea Spaeth & Brian Schill
   11. VCSU – Kelsie Carter
   12. WSC – Jenae Hunter
3. Approval of Agenda – motion to approve by Lisa Braun; second Kay Hopkins; no discussion; all in favor; none opposed
4. Approval of Past Minutes: February minutes. – motion to approve by Brian Schill; second Andria Spaeth; no discussion; all in favor; none opposed
5. Reports
   * 1. Campus Updates – April 20th send campus updates
     2. SBHE Staff Advisor Report: Michael Linnell
        1. Met Feb 23 – focused on various bills 3 that effects NDUS; opposition to bills and all passed;
           1. The original motion included, The State Board of Higher Education opposes bills HB 1446, SB 2247, SB 2343, and Section 19 and 20 of HB 1003. The original motion to amend the statement to pull out HB 1446 and SB 2343 to discuss separately. In the end, all motions of opposition were passed with SB 2343 6-2 and the others were unanimous.
        2. Favorable bill to HigherEd 4/4 raise through the house but could be funding for the back end is still at 6/4. Forecast mid-March to April to determine raises.
        3. Discussed state audit – boards audit committee and passed
        4. New committee – Efficiency and Opportunity committee – work on governors guard to reduce red-tape – 8-9 initiatives
        5. TIAA updates
        6. Envision 2035 update to strategic plan – 2030 process of strategic plan
     3. HRC Update: Jenae Hunter
        1. House Bill 1446 – discuss letter of opposition if interested – seek legal advise on who we are representing
6. Business Agenda
   * 1. Taskforce Chair Updates -
        1. Legislative: Al Bernardo
           1. Equity increases – pay adjustments – bill 2015 – undertake a review of salaries and adjust as appropriate – possibility of going into place by June
        2. Tuition Waiver: Brian Schill
           1. March 22 – Legislative showcase
        3. Retention of Staff Project: Michael Linnell
           1. N/A
     2. HB 1446 Discussion
        1. Open Discussion –
           1. UND – Staff Senate passed a motion of support – support our faculty and colleagues in their efforts – passed
           2. Dickinson – vote on next week – suggested submitting something from NDSSS
           3. By Friday, NDSCS president will send an email with a draft of a statement of support – vote by Friday, March 17
     3. Employee morale-open discussion, idea sharing
        1. Prompted Question: How to engage staff in legislative concerns and/or interests?
7. Open Discussion
   1. NA
8. Future Meetings: April 10, 2023
9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn – Lisa Braun; Seconded by Teressa Agnes – all in favor; no opposition