

North Dakota University System Foundation Minutes

April 20, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. CT.

1. **Call to Order**

President Tim Mihalick called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. CT.

Members Present:

Mr. Timothy Mihalick
Ms. Julie Traynor
Dr. Steven Shirley
Mr. Jon Backes
Ms. Danita Bye
Chancellor Mark Hagerott (ex officio)

Others present:

Ms. Jamie Wilke, NDUS (North Dakota University System)
Ms. Mindy Sturn, NDUS (North Dakota University System)
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS (North Dakota University System)

Members Absent:

Rep. Cynthia Schreiber-Beck
Mr. Mike Warner

2. **Agenda for April 20, 2023, meeting and October 17, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Backes, seconded by Ms. Traynor, to approve the agenda and October 17, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.

Shirley, Traynor, Backes, and Mihalick voted aye (Ms. Bye was not present during the motion). **Motion carried.**

3. **Election of Vice President-** The role of Vice President is a one-year term. Mr. Backes is the current Vice President, and Mr. Mihalick had asked if he would consider continuing in that role. Mr. Backes agreed so a motion was asked to be made for Mr. Backes to be re-appointed as Vice President of the NDUS Foundation.

It was moved by Ms. Traynor and seconded by Dr. Shirley to appoint Mr. Jon Backes to serve as Vice President of the NDUS Foundation.

Traynor, Shirley, and Mihalick voted aye (Mr. Backes abstained and Ms. Bye was not present during the motion). **Motion carried.**

4. **Chancellor Update**

Chancellor Hagerott reviewed the following initiatives:

- a. Agriculture
- b. Digital Sciences and Cyber Security
- c. Cyber Security and Digital Sciences
- d. Nursing Industry

- e. Robotics and Unmanned Air Systems (UAS)
- f. Oil Workforce
- g. Manufacturing Industry
- h. Faculty Support
- i. Education Opportunities for Students in North Dakota

The Chancellor provided updates in each area and asked for a motion to add Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) to the Digital Sciences and Cybersecurity Initiative so that it would read Digital Sciences, Cyber Security, and Artificial Intelligence.

It was moved by Dr. Shirley to add Artificial Intelligence to the Digital Sciences and Cybersecurity initiative and seconded by Mr. Backes

Traynor, Shirley, Backes, Bye, and Mihalick voted aye. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Julie Traynor provided an update on the Nursing Industry and discussed the LRSC and BSC Nursing Apprenticeship programs. Nursing program numbers are growing, and medical facilities are signing on as partners and are seeing positive results in growing their own employees. Medical facility partners pay the student's tuition, and in some cases books, and in turn the student then signs on to work at the facility for a specified amount of time according to their contract.

Dr. Shirley discussed the positive results his campus has experienced from the Dakota Digital Academy (DDA). Just this year, Minot State added new programs in data science and data analytics, with the help of grants received from the DDA. He stated the DDA also provides statewide speakers that have allowed faculty and staff to create a collaborative community to share ideas. He applauded the Foundation for continuing to support the DDA.

Ms. Bye also commented on her support of the DDA as she saw mention of the DDA Cyber Boot Camp for K-12 teachers this summer and thought it was a great initiative.

Chancellor Hagerott would like everyone to think about adding National Security Studies as another initiative of the NDUS Foundation, as North Dakota has Minot Air Force Base and Grand Forks Air Force Base, and there could be an increase in demand for educational programs related to National Security. He was not ready for a motion at this time but would like to discuss it at the next meeting when he has more information after this legislative session has ended. Chancellor Hagerott thanked everyone for their work and continued support of the NDUS Foundation and stressed the importance of having a central Foundation.

5. IRS (Internal Revenue Service) Form 990 Filing-Renew KKR Accounting & Tax Contract.

Ms. Sturn updated the committee that KKR Accounting & Tax Contract was renewed for the 06-30-2023 year-end filing. The price will be the same as last year at \$700 and it is due in November.

6. **NDUS Foundation Financial Reports**

Ms. Sturn presented the financial report as of March 31, 2023.

Balance in accounts = \$35,502.02

Without Donor Restriction: \$19,405.22

With Donor Restriction: \$16,096.80

Microsoft-ND Career Builders: \$15,000

Faculty Award: \$96.80

Dakota Digital Academy: \$1,000

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm CT.