

NDSCS Foundation Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Foundation Executive Board of NDSCS, Wahpeton North Dakota, was duly called and held at the Red River Valley Room of the Hektner Student Center, on March 7, 2024.

Members present: Megan Kummer (Brd President), Chad Wehri (Brd VP), Joel Kaczynski, Hugh Veit, and Josh Dozak. Zoom: Rich Slagle and Jeff Leinen.

Ex-officio Members absent: Michelle Nelson

Ex-officio members present: Kim Nelson, Denise Laymon, Yoney Fobb, and Dr. Flanigan (Zoom).

Guests: Paige Kjesbo

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Megan Kummer. Megan entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Hugh Veit made a motion and Joel Kaczynski seconded to accept the agenda Motion carried.**

Hugh made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2024, with the omission of a closed session statement. February 27, 2024, minutes were accepted as is. Chad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Yoney gave an update on the annual and club gifts. We are sitting at 66% percent of the goal. An email blast was sent to 10,000 emails of individuals who have not given to the Alumni Foundation. The team will continue to work towards the goal.

Kim and Denise reported on the Arizona Meet and Greet and the North Dakota Picnic. Both events were very successful. Several alumni, friends of education and retired faculty attended one or both events.

Kim reviewed the budget with the executive committee. The Foundation staff continues to work on increasing giving, it was noted that most expenses come early in the year and some of the major income (DREAMS, lease rent) come later in the fiscal year.

The Challenge Grant is going strong. It is estimated that we have \$900,000 left to raise. December 31, 2024, is the deadline.

Paige Kjesbo presented the financial report. As of March 7th, the Agency Account had \$28,018,527; Vertin Fund had \$4,035,193, and ST Liquidity was at \$395,850. Since the last board meeting in February, we are up about 3%.

Homecoming Nominees were announced. Alumnus of the Year is Bill Rothwell; Parade Grand Marshal is Arlen Booth; Family Tradition award is to the Lorentz "Swede" and Ione Johnson (Muralt) Family. Friend of the College is to ComDel Innovation; Young Alumni is to Preston Page, and Performing Arts is to Laurie Lekang.

Potential new board members were discussed. The recommendation is to add three members to the executive committee and four more people to the full board. Trudy is assisting Kim Nelson in securing additional board members. New board members will be approved at the May board meeting.

DREAMS is going strong. The tables are almost sold out. Gifts are coming in daily.

Dr. Rod Flanigan shared the college received a \$300,000 FFA grant for the Aviation program at the Fargo campus. CHS awarded the ag program \$96,000. Dr. Flanigan and a faculty member visited a Community College in Tucson that offers an innovative educational model for the auto program. The long-term strategic planning sessions continue. Priority for the next legislative session is the remodel of the library. The expansion of the ag program is in progress, the costs are higher than expected and alternatives to meet the costs are being explored.

Adjourned for closed session 8:57 a.m. Reconvened at 9:08 with open session.

Hugh Viet indicated that the three contractors, Gast Construction, Pederson Mechanical, and Fusion Electric, who were awarded bids have been contacted. Completion is targeted for June 18, 2025.

The following invoices were approved for payment, Comstock Construction #31, RLE(January), Coleman & Erickson(January and February) and Smith & Strege(February).

Hugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Denise Laymon

Approved April 4, 2024