



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 6, 2025.

Members present: Chad Wehri (Brd President), Vicky Schafer, Hugh Veit, and Megan Kummer, (Zoom) Paige Kjesbo and Rich Slagle (Rich left at 9:26).

Members absent: Jeff Leinen (Brd VP), and Josh Dozak

Ex-officio members present: Kim Nelson, Yoney Fobb, Dr. Flanigan, Denise Laymon, Michelle Nelson, and Matthew Hallaway.

Board President Chad Wehri welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. **Hugh Veit made a motion to add the bid of the technology package award to the agenda and Megan Kummer seconded. Motion carried.**

Megan Kummer made a motion to accept the minutes from February 6, 2025, and Hugh Veit seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Flanigan provided a college update to the Executive Committee. The ND Senate did not fund any new projects. The three projects that were approved were from the previous year's commitments. The 19th Avenue property was not included in the #2003 bill. Dr. Flanigan felt it was best to pull back on the library request. Dr. Flanigan emailed a letter of support to those who attended the Arizona Friday evening social with the request that they contact legislature with the hope to encourage funding support to the college.

Graduation is set for May 16th. The college is expecting one of the largest attendances. Jeff Volk will assist Dr. Flanigan in handing out diplomas. Keynote Speaker will be State of ND Adjutant General Brigadier Mitchell Johnson. The Boys Basketball team is done for the season, Women's Basketball team is still playing, Baseball team is in Florida, and Softball team is in Kansas. Spring Break begins March 10th. Gach Gach has been named the Men's Basketball Coach.

40 applications have been received for the Executive Director of Operations in Fargo.

Paige Kjesbo and Kim Nelson gave a financial report. Currently we are on a roller coaster with the market. Recommendation is to hold tight for now. There was no monthly operating report.

Matthew Hallaway and Chad Wehri will be meeting to discuss the Slate of Officers. No one is termed out until 2026.

Matthew shared that the Challenge Grant funds are expected to be approved at 25 million with availability beginning July 1, 2025.

The 30th Anniversary DREAMS Auction will be on April 11th. Kim stated that this year may be a challenge based on the economy, scheduling conflicts, and world events taking place. There are 10 tables available and donations for the auction continue to come in.

Matther Hallaway, Executive Director, provided an update on his activities. He has met with several groups, attended AI Training, attended two Chamber events, and was in Arizona for the ND Picnic and Alumni Foundation social events.

Matthew will be beginning to discuss a 3–5-year strategic plan for the Foundation.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the CIC. **A motion was made to discontinue the installation of the Dust Collection System from the project. Hugh made the motion, Megan seconded, motion carried.**

The 19th Avenue property was discussed and the importance to retain the property as the College is utilizing the entire space. Hugh requested from Kim and Matthew a list of assets and was inquiring what assets were liquid. Inquiries were made about the rental and the operating agreements.

Kim, Matthew, and Michelle will meet on Monday, March 10th to pull some data together regarding the CIC.

Kim, Matthew, and Dr. Flanigan will be in Bismarck next week and can work on communicating the need of the State to take over the 19th Avenue property.

Hugh shared that he had bad news. The main switchboard at the CIC will not arrive until July 18, 2025. This may prolong the ribbon cutting date and occupancy date.

Hugh made a motion and Megan seconded to accept the network technology low bid from Marco for \$100,610. Motion carried.

All change directives and payment approvals were accepted as presented. Hugh made a motion to accept and approve, Vicky Schafer seconded. Motion carried.

Hugh made a motion to adjourn, and Vicky seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Laymon

Approved 4.3.25