

NDSCS Foundation Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, as 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 Hektner Hall, on April 7, 2022.

Members present in-person: Hugh Veit (VP, meeting facilitation), Bob Gette, Linda Hopkins, Kelly Hubrig, Chris Johnson, Joel Kaczynski, Jeff Leinen, Megan Kummer, Roger Richels, Margaret Wall, Chad Wehri

Members attending through TEAMS: Josh Dozak (President)

Ex-officio members present: Kim Nelson, Dr. Vangsness Frisch, Interim President Harvey Link, Andrew Pedersen, Yoney Fobb, Michelle Nelson, and Stephanie Curtis

Absent:

Vice President Hugh Veit called the meeting to order. **Chris Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022. Joel Kaczynski seconded the motion, motion carried.**

Andrew Pedersen gave an update on the CIC and presented an invoice in the amount of \$115,056. Andrew explained the invoice and highlighted Comstock overhead charges. Material and storage charges accounted for the remaining balance. **Megan Kummer made a motion to approve the invoice, Chris Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed.**

Hugh explained a recent proposed amendment to the Moore Engineering contract. Moore Engineering was hired to do the site work at \$0 per their agreement for an in-kind donation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the amount agreed upon for in-kind and the actual cost differed by \$8,700. **A motion was made by Joel Kaczynski to approve the amended contract increasing the amount owed to \$8,700, Kelly Hubrig seconded the motion, motion carried.**

Margaret Wall made a motion to move to Executive closed session to discuss CIC funding, Josh Dozak seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting went into closed session at 8:11 a.m.

The open session reconvened at 9:25 a.m. All members were present.

Megan Kummer made motion to authorize the NDSCS Alumni Foundation to raise additional funds for the CIC construction to continue to ensure construction phases are delineated and followed. Chris Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Roger Richels provided an investment report. The agency balance as of April 6, was \$25,470,000 and the Madge Vertin Fund balance was \$3,993,000. The total balance has increased \$1.7M from one year ago.

Kim gave an overview of the monthly operating budget. Food and banquet expenses were higher with additional events; however, income has offset the expenses. She also shared that the team has exceeded the annual campaign goals for 2021-22.

Kim presented Challenge Grant requests on March 24 and received approval. She is working on two projects including Tools for Opportunity and nursing program expansion. There was some discussion within the Challenge Grant committee to allow items outside the scope at this time. The committee will continue to discuss for future Challenge Grants.

Kim is attending the Mike Rowe event in Fargo on April 21 and extended the invitation to executive board members and possibly full board members

Kim and Stephanie shared DREAMS preparations are being finalized. The book is available online and the online auction opens today, April 7. The live event takes place April 8, at the Wahpeton Event Center. Around 400 guests will be at the live event.

Kelly announced that the President was selected on March 31, following interviews with three finalists. Dr. Flanigan will begin his tenure on July 1. The board thanked Kelly for his time and effort in serving on the search committee.

Interim President Harvey Link shared that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) conference was recently held in Chicago, Dr. Vangsness Frisch also attended as the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer. Incoming President Dr. Rod Flanigan was also in attendance, and they had the opportunity to meet with him a couple of times. Harvey and Dr. Vangsness Frisch presented at the NDUS Strategy Session before Governor Doug Burgum on March 10. Future strategies and legislative priorities were discussed.

Dr. Vangsness Frisch gave a college update. Enrollment/credit numbers are trending upward to surpass 2017, the last year before a consistent decline was seen. SEE NDSCS days were successful with over 300 students in attendance, another record. Dr. Vangsness Frisch reiterated the excitement around the CIC and the potential it holds for students in our region.

Roger Richels made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Curtis

Approved 5.5.2022