



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE
2 State Meeting
3 October 15, 2017
4 Salt Lake City, UT
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7 **Call to Order:** 3:33 p.m. by Dennis Stangl
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** DCB – Laura Halvorson; DSU – Christiana Pond; LRSC – Cathleen Ruch; NDSU –
10 Ben Shapiro; UMary – Brenda Nottestad, Maureen Moriarty, Kristi Wanner; UND – Mary Jo Dailey, Mary
11 Fredricks, Dawn Eckhardt, Dennis Stangl, Alex Erbeck, Patrice Giese, Moire Dunn, Matthew Berosik.
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14 **Old Business:**

- 15 1. Minutes from October 2016 meeting
 - 16 a. Corrections to meeting minutes
 - 17 i. Line 68 – Name correction: Brandi Rudland not Brenda Nottestad
 - 18 ii. Line 67- Spelling correction for Alex Erbeck
 - 19 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Laura Halvorson (DCB), 2nd by Brenda
20 Nottestad (UMary), All in favor.
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- 22 2. Program Updates
 - 23 a. Dawn Eckhardt (UND TS) – Fully staffed for advising, in hiring mode for program assistant.
24 Successful summer program. Went back to middle school student programming, on campus a
25 couple days, had workshops & ended in Black Hills with Medora Musical. Busy with TS APR.
26 We are delayed have 2nd time out for comments, this is 1st year we will report for 6yr
27 graduation rate for high school seniors. Doing a lot of data collection.
 - 28 b. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) – Got a grant! 12 students graduated and 11 are going onto grad
29 school. Have a pre McNair academy for FR & SO interested in STEM. Will encourage to go to
30 monthly scholars, SSS Lunch & Learn, & set up with current SSS & McNair students. I need to
31 do some recruiting, I have 14 in the program and at least 10 are graduating.
 - 32 c. Moire Dunn (UND UB) – New grant end of May. New staff. Very successful summer program.
33 We are getting ready for a fall trip happening end of this week. Getting ready for FAFSA, ACT
34 prep for JR's and career assessment stuff for FR & SO.
 - 35 d. Brenda Nottestad (UMary SSS) – Shout out to Cat & Christiana they are great help and good
36 to know we have a network, we are not an island. Administrators wanted to move us to
37 cubicles, but we still have offices. I have 1 year under my belt, Maureen has 2 years. One
38 person left on part disability, but did not return. Hired a new person with past SSS
39 experience. Great year but busy.
 - 40 e. Ben Shapiro (NDSU UB) – was refunded and director left & I am that person now. New grant
41 has us servicing Moorhead and we dropped West Fargo. Our McNair did not get refunded.
42 SSS fully funded and staffed. Celebrating 50 years of UB at NDSU.
 - 43 f. Mary Fredricks (UND SSS) – Have a new early alert system, Starfish. It reports 1st month & 8
44 weeks alerts. Makes it easier to look at where students are and reach out to them. Gearing
45 up for early registration which starts on Oct. 31st. Gearing up and reminding students to fill
46 out FAFSA.

- 47 g. Cathleen Ruch (LRSC SSS) – FAFSA and early registration. We are bursting with students,
48 study tables, and athletes coming in. Culture is shifting. Starfish is a life saver. Fully staffed
49 and all good.
- 50 h. Laura Halvorson (DCB) – Hired new director in July, Nathan Biggerstaff. Has TRiO experience.
51 Fully staffed. Prepping for APR did not meet 140, but got everything else. We got permission
52 to reach out to students on Minot campus.
- 53 i. Christiana Pond (DSU SSS) – Celebrating 20 years of SSS at DSU. We are fully staffed. We
54 relocated offices again, this time it is good as we are in the main administrative building and
55 with all the other student services. We have a new hire, Dusty Cayssials. Had grad school
56 visit, took the students to NDSU, Moorhead, & Concordia. Getting ready for FAFSA and early
57 registration.

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59 3. Treasurer’s Report – Cathleen Ruch

- 60 a. We are in the black. Last report is from April 3, 2017. Deposits from state conferences.
61 b. Currently have \$10,350 but waiting for money to clear for this conference. Real amount is
62 \$10,109.
63 c. Most expenses go for travel. Income is made from conferences.
64 d. Want to get 2 years’ worth of operating costs in checking.

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66 4. Membership Report – Dennis Stangl

- 67 a. We had 27 people signed up for State membership last year. As of Friday, we had 9, but
68 many people just paid.

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70 5. Other Old Business

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73 **New Business:**

74 1. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks

- 75 a. ASPIRE executive committee met with NDUS chancellor, Dr. Hagerott & director of
76 transport, Lisa Johnson. Purpose was to explore collaboration. Was primarily an exchange of
77 information, pointed out goal of state wanting NDUS to graduate 1st generation students.
- 78 b. Legislative interim period right now.

79 i. Study committees:

- 80 1. Education funding committee: Looking at K-12 funding. Funding looking into
81 equalizing funding for all. Also, a bill for school vouchers was defeated and this
82 committee will be hearing testimony about vouchers

- 83 2. Education Policy Committee: Looking at feasibility of combining services for
84 ELL, Adult Education Centers, Career education, Distance educations, Teacher
85 centers, and some others. This committee will receive test score reports for
86 state administered assessments. Test are from every child succeeds act.

- 87 3. Higher Ed Committee: Studying higher ed finances at system and institutional
88 levels.

- 89 c. Dept. of Ed of Instruction: Submitted plan for ESSA in Sept. to US Dept. of Ed, have been
90 negotiating for changes.

- 91 i. Dept. of Ed has approved 10 of 17 submitted state plans. 34 more states submitting
92 plans to D.O.E

- 93 d. 2017 bills created changes in state financial aid programs

- 94 i. ND State Grant cut by 2million dollars.

- 95 ii. Financial aid workshop @ UND mentioned those after June 2nd did not get any money.
96 iii. STEM loan forgiveness capped at \$6,000 per recipient. 2018 will look at person's
97 income.
98 iv. Teach loan forgiveness \$100,000 per year, \$5,000 per recipient. In 2018 only 2 teachers
99 per district will be able to receive loan forgiveness.
100 v. Chart on NDUS website link paying for college. Handy to have information all in one
101 place.
102 e. TRIO achiever awarding since 2010, 11 students have received award. Start to think of who
103 you can nominate.
- 104 2. Special interruption from Kyle Ethelbah (ASPIRE President) – We still need a treasurer, since
105 John Shafer has retired
- 106 3. Committees
- 107 a. Executive – See North Dakota President's Report
108 b. State initiative – was covered during legislative update
109 c. Alumni -
110 i. Dream is start an association
111 ii. Alumni for state and TRiO events
112 iii. Strategic plan is to establish w/ in 3 years, recognize TRiO achiever
113 iv. Regional Alumni registration
- 114 d. Professional development – Mary Jo Dailey
115 i. We have done pretty well with most strategic plans
116 1. Example: the sessions at co-state were for both SD & ND
117 ii. Would have an assessment @ ASPIRE meetings. Do an online survey to address areas
118 people want for conferences.
- 119 e. Development committee
120 i. No one is on this committee. We need people. This committee helps with when we
121 host region in 2020 for supplies i.e. portfolio, fun run, dinner.
- 122 f. Removed the technology committee (it was only Dennis).
123 g. Ben Shapiro and Dennis Stangl will be Fair Share coordinators.
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- 125 4. 10 for 10 Fair Share
126 a. Starts now and ends Feb 15th
127 b. Gives \$500 waiver for president to go to policy.
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- 129 5. TRIO Fact Book
130 a. Update by January 2018. We give to legislature to show how we serve students. Would like
131 to have personal stories from students.
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- 133 6. Other Business
134 a. COE Policy update
135 i. 7 people @ policy in March, discussed w/ legislators to ask for support for TRiO.
136 ii. Senator Heitkamp joined the TRiO caucus.
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- 138 7. Adjourn
139 Next meeting in Salt Lake City, UT in October 2017.
140 Dawn Eckhardt (UND TS) moved to adjourn the meeting, Ben Shapiro (NDSU UB) seconded.
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142 Meeting adjourned 4:47 p.m.