



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE
2 State Meeting
3 March 30, 2015
4 Bismarck, ND
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7 **Call to Order:** 2:49 p.m. by Dennis Stangl
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** CCCC – Cheryl Longie; UND – Kelsey Walters, Mary Fredericks, Laurel Johnson,
10 Dennis Stangl, Derek Sporbort, Joan Jorde, Dawn Eckhardt, Cara Davis, Lori Mattison, Maggie O’Neal,
11 Mary Jo Dailey; LRSC – Erika Berg, Patty Wallace; DSU – Christiana Pond, Jennifer Withers; University of
12 Mary, Nathan Todd, Bonnie Weisz, Carolle Barrett, Nikki Green; Sitting Bull Community College, Tina
13 Leingang, Tiffany Baker, Dakota Kidder; Minot State University, Holly Major and Keryl Lesmann.
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15 Introductions (name and University and Program).
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17 **Old Business:**
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19 1. Minutes from October 2014 Meeting
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21 a. Corrections to meeting minutes:

- 22 i. Correction of name, Coreen Berdahl, and line 67, (helps us do things with the students)
23 line 65 change NDNDEA to NDEA. Remove line 108, 115 135. Line 123, change to 2013-
24 2014. Remove Please have in by ___ for the waiver.
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26 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Lori Mattison, second by Nathan Todd.
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28 2. Program Updates

29 Patrice Giese (UND McNair Program) – Jill Teters works with students to create posters for
30 presentations and attend conferences.

31 Dawn Eckhardt (UND Talent Search) – In the process of hiring new staff. Utilizing the College
32 Access Challenge Grant to attend field trips with students and other activities.

33 Joan Jorde (UND Student Support Services) – working on writing and submitting proposal.

34 Planning to host a recognition banquet for students. Started using the Star Fish program to
35 monitor student progress.

36 Holly Major (Minot State Student Support Services) – Submitted grant. New president at MSU.

37 Tina Leingang (Sitting Bull College – Working on submitting grant.)

38 Bonnie Weisz (University of Mary) – New program advisor, Nikki Green. Started using drop out
39 tracking. Starting to establishing a student advisory committee and a peer mentoring
40 committee.

41 Erika Berg (Lake Region State College – Student Support Services) – Financial literacy event
42 scheduled. Working with math tutoring.

43 Cara Davis (UND Educational Opportunity Center) Supplemental tours, etiquette lunch, staff
44 busy with financial aid. New advisor, Stephanie Bauer, to replace Marna Klug.

45 Held a staff retreat.

46 Cara Davis (UND Upward Bound) New assistant director, will be Phillip Coghlan. Cara has been
47 assisting with Upward Bound in the interim. Busy with summer planning and accepting new

48 students. Eleven seniors participated in a senior trip visiting UND. There were 27 students that
49 participated in the spring trip.

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51 3. Treasurer's Report – Patty Wallace
52 Ended December with a balance of \$12,183.67

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54 4. Membership Report - 286 members for the ASPIRE region
55 North Dakota has 37 members
56 Explained types of membership, distributed information on memberships.
57 Benefits of membership include discounts for registration at the regional conference.

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59 5. Other Old Business

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63 New Business:

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65 1. ASPIRE Conference – Cara Davis, the ASPIRE 2014 Regional Conference was held in Grand Forks
66 at the Canad Inn/Alerus Center on Oct. 12-15, there were about 170 people who registered. This
67 was the first time the conference was held in Grand Forks. Were able to offer additional
68 transportation options. Made a net profit, more than \$50,000. Highlights, secured a \$2,000
69 grant from the Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau. Thanked everyone who helped with
70 the conference. Made almost \$8,000 from silent auction and other raffles. Hosted a Student
71 Support Services Grant writing workshop. Saved money by bringing in our own technology.
72 The next ASPIRE conference will be Rapid City in South Dakota, Oct 3 – 7th.

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74 2. COE Policy Update – Dennis attended Policy, along with Derek Sporbert, and an alumni from
75 UND, Jen Withers, two students from Dickinson State University along with TRIO staff from
76 NDSU. Met with Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Senator John Hoeven and Rep. Kevin Kramer's office.
77 Message from policy seminar to President Obama is to restore \$20 million in funding earmarked
78 for research on TRIO and restore it so it can be used for funding programs instead.
79 Shared sample documents on writing letters to legislators. Students from DSU conducted a
80 letter writing campaign prior to attending policy seminar.

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82 3. Co-State every other year with South Dakota changed to every year. – Voted to approve this
83 change. The next co-state meeting will be held in Pierre, South Dakota. Date to be determined.
84 In the past we held co-state every other year with South Dakota. When North Dakota Legislature
85 is in session the meeting will be held in ND. South Dakota Legislature meets every year.
86 South Dakota and North Dakota have lower numbers of staff attending conferences than other
87 states in the ASPIRE Region.
88 Dennis said that this could be beneficial move, however we are locking the location into two
89 specific locations each year. The last time the North Dakota state meeting was held in another
90 location besides Bismarck was in 2003.
91 Motion by Patrice Giese, seconded by Dawn Eckhardt.
92 Vote for approval. All in favor. Approved.

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94 4. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks gave an update on the North Dakota Legislative Session.
95 The North Dakota ASPIRE blog is dedicated to the North Dakota Legislative session.

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97 5. Election of North Dakota ASPIRE Secretary.
98 Motion by Derek Sporbert to nominate Erika Berg, seconded by Holly Major.
99 All voted in favor.
100 Next spring there will be an election for president and treasurer.
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102 6. State Initiative Activities - TRIO Factbook will be updated.
103 7. 10 for 10 Fair Share – COE provides a waiver for North Dakota State President to attend the
104 Policy Seminar if we meet their goal for 10 for 10. This is a \$100 donation made to COE in 10
105 payments or one lump sum. You can sign up with another person or more people to do this.
106 North Dakota did not meet this goal however, we were not charged to attend COE Policy
107 Seminar.
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109 8. TRIO Fact Book
110 Need new student stories to replace the ones that outdated. Prefer to have stories about alumni
111 of TRIO programs. Need to get new photos of students as well.
112 Plan to create two versions of the factbook, a short version and a longer one.
113 a. Need to get information from all institutions
114 b. Need to know if we are meeting our goals and to let the legislators know that we are
115 doing what we say we are doing.
116 c. Acquire the information from your APRs
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118 9. ND ASPIRE Facebook/Twitter and other social media & videos
119 Discussed the use of social media. Dennis will be doing more research on the use of social
120 media, including Instagram and other websites.
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122 10. Next year is the 50th Anniversary for Talent Search and SSS. Dennis said he would like to do
123 something to commemorate this, possibly an alumni gathering . COE is having a national video
124 conference and the winner will be shown at the COE Annual Conference.
125 Dennis suggested a committee be formed for the anniversary of Talent Search.
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127 UND Upward Bound will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this coming year in 2016.
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129 11. Other new business – None.
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132 Next meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota at ASPIRE Conference.
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134 Dennis announced the North Dakota TRIO Achiever Banquet will be held this evening.
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136 Laurel Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, Dawn Eckhardt seconded.
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139 Meeting adjourned 3:57 p.m.