



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE  
2 State Meeting  
3 October 5, 2015  
4 Rapid City, SD  
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7 **Call to Order:** 2:47 p.m. by Dennis Stangl  
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** *CCCC* – Cheryl Longie, Audra Poihra; *DCB* – Stephanie Blumhagen, Larry Brooks,  
10 Julian Larry; *DSU* – Christiana Pond, Jen Withers; *LRSC* – Cathleen Ruch, Patty Wallace;  
11 *MiSU* - Holly Major, Keryl Lesmann, Connie Blair; *UMary* - Bonnie Weisz; *UND* – Mary Jo Dailey, Kelsey  
12 Walters, Mary Fredricks, Laurel Johnson, Dennis Stangl, Joan Jorde, Cara Davis, Lori Mattison, Maggie  
13 O’Neal, Patrice Giese, Phil Coghlan, Steph Bauer, Renae Kmecik, Cheryl Kingsbury.  
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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 March 30, 2015 Meeting  
20 a. No corrections to meeting minutes.  
21 b. Motion to approve minutes without corrections by Laurel Johnson (UND), second by Holly  
22 Major (MiSU).  
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- 24 2. Program Updates  
25 a. Phillip Coghlan (UND Upward Bound) – Phil started in April as new assistant director.  
26 Completed residential summer program on UND campus 67 Students attended. Bridge  
27 program completed, had 14 students attend.  
28 b. Laurel Johnson (UND Talent Search) – All advisors are back in school. Dawn Eckhardt took  
29 students to Sioux Fall, SD. Dawn is writing our grant.  
30 c. Holly Major (MiSU Student Support Services) – Have a new SSSD program. Have some  
31 current position openings. SSS & SSSD will have shared director and shared staff.  
32 d. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) –Was in Bismarck with 3 students for the Native American  
33 conference. Jill will take 7 students to Wisconsin conference, where 6 of the 7 will present.  
34 We are almost done with GRE preparation and orientation to graduate class.  
35 e. Joan Jorde (UND Student Support Services) – We were refunded. Have a new early alert  
36 system at UND called Starfish. It allows us to see what faculty post on attendance,  
37 participation and more. We will be identified as advisors for the program, so we can see  
38 alerts on students and updated personal information. We are participating in a non-  
39 cognitive review process for those who do not meet admission requirements. It is an  
40 indicator of persistence to complete a degree, it will look at H.S. GPA, ACT, leadership,  
41 adversity, creativity, etc.  
42 f. Bonnie Weisz (UMary Student Support Services) – Carol Barrett retired this summer, Nate  
43 Todd moved to Washington for family and just hired someone named Denit Cobb. Working  
44 to get a Bridge started, need money to pay for food and housing. Attended a cultural event  
45 on Native American customs and traditions.  
46 g. Jen Withers (DSU Student Support Services) – Had a small group graduate school visit to  
47 UND & NDSU. Took 20 students to Minot Zoo and Scandinavian Cultural center. Had a

48 successful Bridge program. Under new grant we have a Program Regulations Specialist  
49 position that was filled by Bradley Brooks.  
50 h. Cara Davis (UND Educational Opportunity Center) New advisor, Stephanie Bauer, to replace  
51 Marna Klug. Challenge Access grant funding ended, we are figuring out life without the  
52 funds. We are gearing up for APR & grant.  
53 Cheryl L Longie (CCCC Talent Search) – Collaborating with UND for leadership camps. Took  
54 students to a leadership conference in March. Peggy Burkheart is returning to our program.  
55 Working on APR and grant.  
56 i. Cathleen Roch (LRSC Student Support Services) – Cathleen is Six weeks on the job. All  
57 positions have been filled. Had a record number of students apply for the program. Are  
58 deciding on work load to avoid losing students. Erica Berg is now Disability Coordinator.  
59 j. Stephanie Blumhagen (DCB Student Support Services) – Need to fill 4 positions: director, 2  
60 advisors and an assistant.

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62 3. Treasurer's Report – Patty Wallace

- 63 a. 3 transactions since last report.  
64 b. As of Sept. 9, 2015 current balance is \$11,936.31  
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66 4. Membership Report – Dennis Stangl

- 67 a. North Dakota has over 30 members.  
68 b. Membership directory can be found on Aspire member directory.  
69 c. Discussed photo directory for our regional and state site. Would like to work on and can  
70 make it protected site, so only members see it.  
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72 5. Other Old Business

- 73 a. None  
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75 **New Business:**

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77 1. Bylaw updates – Dennis Stangl

- 78 a. Discussed updates at last meeting.  
79 b. Motion to approve by Mary Jo Dailey (UND), second by Mary Fredricks (UND).  
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81 2. Strategic Plan – Mary Jo Dailey

- 82 a. Brought up concern that it was done 8 yrs. ago and has had no follow up.  
83 b. SWOT is no longer done.  
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85 3. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks

- 86 a. Serving as the ND state ASPIRE initiative chair:  
87 i. This was started by COE a # of years ago.  
88 ii. They wanted to get states involved, offered grants.  
89 b. We tried to reach out to policy makers to get financial support.  
90 c. At 2015 legislative session discusses:  
91 i. Tuition freeze:  
92 1. We did get the freeze.  
93 ii. Requesting/advocating need based financial aid.  
94 iii. Loan forgiveness programs for people in behavioral health programs.  
95 d. Have a new Chancellor named Mark Hagerott.

- 96 e. Bakken U initiative:  
97 i. To encourage those displaced by oil industry or upgrade job  
98 f. UMary asked for a stock letter to contact Hoeven & Heitkamp  
99 i. Dennis Stangl said he would put it on our state site.  
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101 4. 10 for10 Fair Share  
102 a. COE provides a waiver for North Dakota State President to attend the Policy Seminar if we  
103 meet their goal for 10 for 10. This is a \$100 donation made to COE in 10 payments or one  
104 lump sum. You can sign up with another person or more people to do this.  
105 b. Last year we technically did not meet it.  
106 c. If you give send confirmation to Dennis so he can track it.  
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108 5. TRIO Fact Book  
109 a. Has been updated & will be updated again to add new programs.  
110 b. We want pictures, stories and videos:  
111 i. We share these with Hoeven, Heitkamp & Cramer  
112 c. Patrice Giese suggested adding faculty focus.  
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114 6. ND ASPIRE Facebook/Twitter and other social media & videos  
115 a. Discussed the use of social media.  
116 b. Be active on TRIO Tuesdays.  
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118 7. Other new business  
119 a. Cheryl Kingsbury (UND) made a suggestion that there be a mentor opportunity for new  
120 people.  
121 b. Dennis Stangl gave out ASPIRE pins to new people.  
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123 8. Adjourn  
124 Next meeting in Pierre, South Dakota in April.  
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126 Holly Major (MiSU) moved to adjourn the meeting, Cheryl Kingsbury (UND) seconded.  
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128 Meeting adjourned 3:59 p.m.