



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE  
2 State Meeting  
3 April 4, 2016  
4 Mitchell, SD  
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7 **Call to Order:** 1:09 p.m. by Dennis Stangl  
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** *DCB* – Brock Lemon, Laura Halvorson, Brandi Rudland; *DSU* – Christiana Pond;  
10 *LRSC* – Cathleen Ruch, Patty Wallace; *UND* – Mary Jo Dailey, Kelsey Walters, Mary Fredricks, Laurel  
11 Johnson, Dawn Eckhardt, Dennis Stangl, Joan Jorde, Cara Davis, Maggie O’Neal, Patrice Giese, Phil  
12 Coghlan, Derek Sporbert.  
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14 Introductions (name and University and Program).  
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16 **Old Business:**  
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- 18 1. Minutes from October 2015 meeting
- 19 a. Corrections to meeting minutes
- 20 i. Add Derek Sporbert as attended.
- 21 ii. Correction line 51 to title of grant from Challenge Access grant to College Access  
22 Challenge grant.
- 23 iii. Add a bullet line 53 for CCCC program update.
- 24 iv. Correction line 56 spelling of last name Rouch to Ruch.
- 25 v. Add a bullet and statement for Strategic Plan discussion “Asked people to meet  
26 following day as a task force for strategic plan.”
- 27 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Patty Wallace (LRSC), second by Cathleen  
28 Ruch (LRSC).  
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- 30 2. Program Updates
- 31 a. Derek Sporbert (UND) – Celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TRiO being on campus during  
32 TRiO day. Maureen & Mitch from COE were present, Mitch gave a very nice account of the  
33 history of TRiO movement and Maureen spoke on the direction going forward from here.  
34 Busy with grant writing for Talent Search and EOC and gearing up for Upward Bound and  
35 McNair. UND has a position opening up for Talent Search.
- 36 b. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) – McNair is going well, 7 students are graduating and all 7  
37 should be accepted to graduate programs. 2 students received their masters at UND and  
38 both have been accepted to Phd. programs. Orientation and grad school class in summer  
39 and GRE prep in fall. Have been looking for outside funding for presentations. 15 students  
40 did poster presentations at the graduate scholar forum at the beginning of the month and  
41 13 students do oral presentations April 21<sup>st</sup> and banquets is that night.
- 42 c. Joan Jorde (UND Student Support Services) – Just complete academic advisement and  
43 registration. Continue to work on financial aid application procedures. Planning an end of  
44 the year student recognition gathering.
- 45 d. Dawn Eckhardt (UND Talent Search) – Winding down grant cycle and keeping fingers crossed  
46 for continued funding after Aug. 31st. Planning 2 – 1 week summer exploratory sessions for  
47 H.S students to check out different colleges and different career and cultural opportunities,

- 48 both will start at UND and go to Duluth and Iron Range MN. Have quite a few applications  
49 for them.
- 50 e. Phillip Coghlan (UND Upward Bound) - Wrapping up school year visits. Planning for 65  
51 students to be on campus all 6 weeks, starting May 30<sup>th</sup>. Still looking to fill a few spots for  
52 summer staff. Grant preparation started researching information for upcoming grant  
53 competition.
- 54 f. Cara Davis (UND Educational Opportunity Center) –Submitted grant on Wednesday and  
55 waiting for notifications. Have a bonus year of so we are funded through Aug. 2017. Met all  
56 objectives and numbers for APR last November. Have an outreach advisor position open,  
57 hope to start in May. Advisors have been busy with visits, financial aid admissions and GED  
58 scoring changes. Moved database to Student Access software online system.
- 59 g. Cathleen Ruch (LRSC Student Support Services) –Just completed financial aid day to have  
60 students sign up for financial aid. Planning TRiO registration day for Fall 2016 to get those  
61 students locked into their classes. Final week in May will have a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, maybe  
62 with a 50's ice cream social theme. Fullystaffed and not looking for people.
- 63 h. (DCB Student Support Services) –Received our grant to start in the fall, had some hires back  
64 out so we were not fully staffed until January. Our grant is for 140 students, coming into the  
65 spring we have 60.
- 66 i. Christiana Pond (DSU Student Support Services) –DSU TRiO is no longer under department  
67 of Academic Affairs, now under Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment  
68 Management as well as moving our office location from the lower level of Stoxen library to  
69 the lower level of the Student Center. We also have a position that will be 75% TRiO and  
70 25% disability, so if you know people. Had 7 students graduate in the fall, will have 34  
71 graduate in May. Just finished our fall registration. Had 2 students attend Policy in March.  
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- 73 3. Policy update (was not on agenda) –Dennis Stangl
- 74 a. Derek Sporbert and alumni from UND, Casey Peterson and a student from NDSU, and Jen  
75 Withers and 2 students from DSU were in attendance.
- 76 b. Met with all three of the legislative contacts in Washington
- 77 i. Met with Kramer's office 1<sup>st</sup>. It was very positive. Derek elaborated that in the past it  
78 has been a very contentious meeting. Met with his senior aid this year and the  
79 meeting was very overall positive. He was very interested in helping people get off  
80 assistance through education.
- 81 ii. Met with Heitkamp's office and that was nice. She bumped the Barley group to meet  
82 with us. She is very supportive of us.
- 83 iii. Went to Hoeven's office and he actually showed up too and asked about sports  
84 teams and about our programs. Went pretty well.
- 85 c. COE is asking for more money from government, an 80 million dollar increase to restore  
86 students we lost over the last 8 years. Used to serve about 90,000 students now it is about  
87 70,000 or 80,000 students served. We have 5,000,000 alumni.  
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- 89 4. Treasurer's Report – Patty Wallace
- 90 a. As of February 29, 2016 current balance is \$11,428.25
- 91 b. One transaction listed for March 21st is Dennis going to policy, going to back that out until  
92 we get the statement to verify with regional treasurer.  
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- 94 5. Membership Report –Cara Davis
- 95 a. North Dakota has 45 members as of Friday, an increase from 2014/2015 when we had 37.

- 96 b. Review ASPIRE membership for those new to the region
- 97 i. Professional membership cannot be paid out of program funds.
- 98 ii. It is an annual membership that goes from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31.
- 99 iii. You get a discount rate at regional conference and the State/Co-state conference.
- 100 iv. You are a voting member.
- 101 v. You can serve on committees and serve as an officer.
- 102 vi. You are part of listserv.
- 103 vii. Support Staff can get an associate membership.

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- 105 6. Other Old Business
- 106 a. None
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108 **New Business:**

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- 110 1. Elections:
- 111 a. President Elect for North Dakota Chapter of Aspire
- 112 i. Nomination for Dennis Stangl, was seconded by Cathleen Ruch
- 113 ii. Motion moved to elect Dennis Stangl by Dawn Eckhardt, seconded by Phil Coghlan
- 114 iii. All in favor, no opposed, no abstain
- 115 b. Treasurer for North Dakota Chapter of Aspire
- 116 i. Nomination for Cathleen Ruch, was seconded by Mary Jo Dailey
- 117 ii. Motion moved to elect Cathleen Ruch by Phil Coghlan, seconded by Laurel Johnson
- 118 iii. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain.
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- 120 2. Strategic Plan – Mary Jo Dailey
- 121 a. Went to Oct. meeting in Rapid City and thought I would try to throw this committee
- 122 together. Want to thank Dennis, Derek, Patty, Laurel, Mary, Cathleen and Connie.
- 123 i. Wanted to align to regional plan, so goals listed match the regional one.
- 124 ii. There are 4 not five goals since we combined one.
- 125 iii. Purpose was to organize and create a timeline for expectations and due by.
- 126 iv. Created committee structure for goals.
- 127 v. It is a working document and needs work.
- 128 vi. Some goals are under 2 spots. Like Alumni committee is under leadership and
- 129 membership. Which is why it needs clarification.
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- 131 3. Pricing for state conferences – Dennis Stangl
- 132 a. ND currently pays \$100, but South Dakota paid \$150. Kind of odd that there is different
- 133 pricing since we are now doing co-state. Cost has not been raised in about 10 years.
- 134 b. Hope extra funds would help with professional development. Derek suggested looking at
- 135 funds to aid licensure requirements.
- 136 c. Motion to raise cost to \$150 by Patty Wallace, second by Brandi Rudland.
- 137 i. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain.
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- 139 4. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks
- 140 a. Serving as the ND state ASPIRE initiative chair:
- 141 i. This was started by COE in early 2000's.
- 142 ii. They do what COE does, but on a state level.
- 143 iii. Introduced 2 bills – both were defeated.

- 144 b. Spoke about what Maureen Hoyler said at the UND 50th.  
145 i. She praised our state government for being 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nations for high school grads  
146 going to college.  
147 ii. Until this year we were 2<sup>nd</sup> in amount of funding that state allocates for education.  
148 iii. Has been a steady decline of number of ND low income going to college.  
149 c. NDUS has budget cuts which may not affect us but will affect other colleagues.  
150 d. Bakken U initiative:  
151 i. Awarded first scholarship to Warren Logan at Dickinson State University.  
152 ii. This program encourages displaced oil workers to go to school.  
153 e. ND State grant  
154 i. Only state need based grant.  
155 ii. Grant still expected to be fully funded for upcoming year due to carryover.  
156 1. Group discussion about residency eligibility.  
157 f. Interim legislative update  
158 i. Interim Education Committee has been assigned to look at state standards and  
159 assessments.  
160 ii. Department of public instruction  
161 1. Implementing Every Student Succeeds Act  
162 a. This act replaces 2002 version of No Child Left Behind Act.  
163 b. Allows states to set their own goals and time frames for student success.  
164 c. Allows multiple accountability measures.  
165 d. Quantitative measures of test scores and graduation rates will be more  
166 heavily weighted.  
167 e. States have to identify the 5% of Title I schools for support every 3 years  
168 and come up comprehensive support plans which must yield results in 4  
169 years or come up with another way to help schools improve.  
170 f. States must identify subgroups of students that are underperforming.  
171 g. E.S.S.A gives more power to states, but will probably keep Common Core.  
172 iii. Higher Education Committee  
173 1. Will be reviewing delivery methods, university funding models based on  
174 completed credit hours, study all mission statements, governance models and  
175 administrative costs.  
176 iv. Tribal and State Relations Committee  
177 1. Deal with social welfare issues and corrections and Indian education  
178 a. Recently heard from tribal college presidents about Workforce  
179 Development grant program.  
180 v. Constitutional amendment on Nov. 2016 general election ballot.  
181 1. Calling for permission use the foundation aid stabilization fund for not just  
182 elementary and secondary education but also for higher education.  
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184 5. Operating guidelines  
185 a. Guidelines need to be updated due to missing items like spelling out.  
186 b. Finance committee (president, Secretary and Treasurer) will be updating.  
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188 6. ND Alumni association  
189 a. Nationwide push from COE for alumni.  
190 b. We need to establish we the alumni are  
191 i. Cara mentioned there is an ASPIRE alumni membership.

- 192 c. COE did a nationwide survey where only 206 people responded.  
193 i. None of the responses were from ND and MT was only state with a response in  
194 ASPIRE region.  
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196 7. Committees

197 \*Mary Jo asked that committees look at descriptions listed on strategic plan.

- 198 a. Finance: president, secretary and treasurer.  
199 b. State Initiative: Mary F. will still chair, Phil C., all DCB staff.  
200 c. Professional development: Dawn E. "Will not chair or go nuts."  
201 d. Alumni: Cathleen R. & Joan J.  
202 e. Development (Fair share & asking corporations for \$): no one at this time volunteered.  
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204 8. 10 for10 Fair Share

- 205 a. COE provides a waiver for North Dakota State President to attend the Policy Seminar if we  
206 meet their goal for 10 for 10. This is a \$100 donation made to COE in 10 payments or one  
207 lump sum. You can sign up with another person or more people to do this.  
208 b. Last year we technically did not meet it.  
209 c. If you give send confirmation to Dennis so he can track it.  
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211 9. TRIO Fact Book

- 212 a. We present this when we are in D.C.  
213 b. Want it to be updated by June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
214 c. We want pictures, stories and videos.  
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216 10. ND ASPIRE Facebook/Twitter and other social media & videos

- 217 a. There is a ND ASPIRE Facebook page.  
218 b. Be active on TRIO Tuesdays.  
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220 11. Adjourn

221 Next meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in October 2016.  
222 Dawn Eckhardt (UND) moved to adjourn the meeting, Brandi Rudland (DCB) seconded.  
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224 Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.