



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE  
2 State Meeting  
3 October 2, 2016  
4 Jackson Hole, WY  
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7 **Call to Order:** 5:48 p.m. by Dennis Stangl  
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** CCCC – Chyeryl Longie, Jen Schwab; DCB – Brandi Rudland; DSU – Jennifer  
10 Withers, Christiana Pond; LRSC – Cathleen Ruch; UMary- Brenda Nottestad; UND – Mary Jo Dailey,  
11 Kelsey Walters, Mary Fredricks, Dawn Eckhardt, Dennis Stangl, Joan Jorde, Maggie O’Neal, Patrice Giese,  
12 Phil Coghlan, Derek Sporberr, Cheryl Kingsbury, Janet Nelson, Alex Erbeck, Lori Mattison, Jamie  
13 Fagerholt, Renae Kmecik  
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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 2015 meeting
- 20 a. No corrections to meeting minutes
- 21 i. Motion to approve minutes with no corrections by Dawn Eckhardt (UND), second by  
22 Cathleen Ruch (LRSC), all in favor.
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- 24 2. Program Updates
- 25 a. Cathleen Ruch (LRSC Student Support Services) – Still fully staffed. Have a record number for  
26 students; granted 160 but serving 180. Looking at doing a FAFSA night in November and one  
27 in the spring. “movin and grovin.”
- 28 b. Derek Sporberr (UND) – Preparing for UB & McNair grants. Fully staffed.
- 29 c. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) – D monthly seminars, most recent had the Director of Financial  
30 Aid speak. Next one will be talking about scholarships for graduate students.
- 31 d. Joan Jorde (UND Student Support Services) – Continuing to work on Financial Aid  
32 verification and distribution, and academic advising. Cheryl brought together us masters in  
33 STEM to be academic coaches. Participated in “First G,” which was a first generation  
34 workshop.
- 35 e. Dawn Eckhardt (UND Talent Search) – We were refunded. In May, Laurel Johnson retired.  
36 We filled the two vacancies with Alex Erbeck and Janet Nelson. One change with new grant  
37 is offering intense services for a small group, we are in early stages of that.
- 38 f. Derek Sporberr on behalf of Phil (UND Upward Bound) – UB summer program was  
39 successful. Great end of the year trip to Sioux Falls area. Preparing APR data and research  
40 for upcoming grant competition.
- 41 g. Kelsey Walters on behalf of Cara (UND Educational Opportunity Center) – Fully funded.  
42 Assistant Director on maternity leave. She had a baby girl on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Jaime Fagerholt is  
43 our new staff and she is located at Northland Community and Technical College.
- 44 h. Brenda Rudland (DCB Student Support Services) – We have 98 of the 140 required students.  
45 We have a lot that qualify. We are fully staffed.
- 46 i. Cheryl Longie (CCCC Talent Search) – Grant was refunded. Jen Schwab is our new advisor  
47 and will be going to Four Winds schools. One advisor, Audra Poitra will be leaving so we will  
48 be looking for a new advisor. I have been collaborating with AIHEC – American Indian Higher

- 49 Education consortium on literacy academy. Have been running it once a month with support  
50 of college staff. We limited it to 20 students but have been getting 30 or 35 students. It has  
51 been going well. We registered NAFSA Financial aid workshop.
- 52 j. Jen Withers (DSU Student Support Services) – Fully staffed in program and Administrative.  
53 Our new Intake and Transition Specialist started on August 15<sup>th</sup>, her name is Tawnia  
54 Cummings. I have been out on maternity leave for 3.5 months so quickly getting caught up.  
55 Christiana took four students to graduate schools in the twin cities. We also took students to  
56 the Powwow in Bismarck.
- 57 k. Brenda Nottestad (UMary Student Support Services) – Bonnie Weiss is moving to Aberdeen,  
58 so I will be moving into the position. I do know they are looking at starting a mentoring  
59 program. We have had turnover with the advisors, which has been difficult. Just hired three  
60 new advisors and I will be new.
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- 62 3. Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Stengl
- 63 a. As of September 20, 2016 current balance is \$12,000
- 64 b. Got \$500.00 for COE & region, will use it to fund TRiO Achiever & expenses.
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- 66 4. Membership Report – Maggie O’Neal on behalf of Cara Davis
- 67 a. North Dakota has 23 members, will have a final count after conference. After last  
68 conference had 44 members.
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- 70 5. Other Old Business
- 71 a. None
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73 **New Business:**

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- 75 1. Planning state meeting, April 2017
- 76 a. Part of the day will be at the Heritage center
- 77 b. Let Dennis know if you want to help
- 78 c. TRiO Achiever is tough to get people nominated, can we look at altering wording
- 79 i. Mary Jo said we should refer back to Strategic plan, there is an alumni committee.  
80 They are responsible for planning and reporting back.
- 81 ii. Dawn suggested changing the wording to include “or” for requirements 3, 4, 5, & 6.
- 82 iii. Dennis said the Executive board will look at it and move
- 83 iv. Dawn asked about what the limitations are
- 84 1. Cathleen & Phil shared time limitations and Dawn said great people to  
85 nominate but live in Minnesota
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- 87 2. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks
- 88 a. Met on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how to reach students. Envision 2030 began in end of May, it is a  
89 grant by Lumina Foundation. It was held in Bismarck, Gov. Darlymple & Senator Heitkamp  
90 were there.
- 91 i. This was started by COE in early 2000’s. There were 9 breakout sessions, each spoke  
92 about what they want to see in 3, 5, and 14 years
- 93 ii. NDUS will be following up with 9 pillar events at institutions around the state.
- 94 1. DSU TRiO attended the session on Diversity and many at
- 95 2. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> “Tomorrows student” at UND.
- 96 3. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> “Future of Healthcare at Lake Region.

- 97 4. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> "The Whole Student" at Minot
- 98 b. During the legislative interim the legislature met in committees to look at and create bills.
- 99 i. Want continuance of matching of grant was started in 2015, for every \$3.00 the
- 100 institution would raise the legislature would match with \$1.00.
- 101 ii. NDUS to disband current advisory board on need based financial aid. Want to make a
- 102 new board that would have more oversight on need, merit and loan forgiveness.
- 103 iii. To increase amount of loan forgiveness for those teaching in state. Want \$1000.00 to
- 104 \$1500.00 per year in loan forgiveness.
- 105 c. Interim Education committee oversees K-12. Got a lot of input from DPI on math and English
- 106 standards. They are being revised and hope to complete in spring 2017.
- 107 d. Task force looking at keeping Smarter Balance assessment or alternatives. Smarter Balance
- 108 was used in 2015/2016.
- 109 e. Good news for Tribal State relations committee, got \$3 million of grants.
- 110 f. House and Senate are up in even number districts.
- 111 g. Measure #2 is a constitutional amendment to allow use of funds from foundational
- 112 stabilization fund for additional educational purposes when it gets to 15% of the general
- 113 fund appropriation. Currently only the governor can release the funds so it is building and
- 114 not being put to use. Would just be for education related issues.
- 115 h. Governor will give his budget update in December and the legislature is up in January.
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- 117 3. Committees
- 118 a. Finance – No report at this time
- 119 b. Professional development – Mary Jo
- 120 i. Need a committee chair.
- 121 ii. Made a needs assessment for ND & SD since this is a co – state.
- 122 c. Alumni - Joan J.
- 123 i. Would like to propose if you work with alumni organization if you have one.
- 124 ii. We want students to know they are part of TRiO but sometimes they lose association
- 125 with actual program. We need to help them know what organization they are coming
- 126 out of.
- 127 d. Development - no one on committee at this time.
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- 129 4. 10 for10 Fair Share
- 130 a. COE provides a waiver for North Dakota State President to attend the Policy Seminar if we
- 131 meet their goal for 10 for 10. This is a \$100 donation made to COE in 10 payments or one
- 132 lump sum. You can sign up with another person or more people to do this.
- 133 b. Last year we technically did not meet it.
- 134 c. If you give send confirmation to Dennis so he can track it.
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- 136 5. TRIO Fact Book
- 137 a. Was just updated and will be good for upcoming Policy, but will need to update after Policy.
- 138 i. I need pictures and stories of Alumni.
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- 140 6. ND ASPIRE Facebook/Twitter and other social media & videos
- 141 a. There is a ND ASPIRE Facebook page.
- 142 b. Do not have Instagram but might create one.
- 143 c. Hoven & people like to shout outs when on campus, they may visit.
- 144 d. Do not have Snapchat and won't look at it.

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146 7. Other Business

147 a. None.

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149 8. Adjourn

150 Next meeting in Bismarck, N.D. in April 2017.

151 Cathleen Ruch (LRSC) moved to adjourn the meeting, Phil Coghlan (UND) seconded.

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153 Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.