



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE
2 State Meeting
3 April 3, 2017
4 Bismarck, ND
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7 **Call to Order:** 3:03 p.m. by Dennis Stangl
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** *DCB* – Brock Lemon, Laura Halvorson, Brandi Rudland; *DSU* – Jen Withers,
10 Christiana Pond; *LRSC* – Cathleen Ruch, Lindsey VanThyne; *NDSU* – Kenard Booker; *UMary* – Brenda
11 Nottestad, Maureen Moriarty, Kristi Wanner; *UND* – Mary Jo Dailey, Mary Fredricks, Dawn Eckhardt,
12 Dennis Stangl, Joan Jorde, Cara Davis, Lori Mattison, Maggie Archer, Alex Erbeck, Patrice Giese, Phil
13 Coghlan, Derek Sporbert, Cheryl Kinsbury, Jamie Fagerholt.
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15 **Old Business:**
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17 1. Minutes from October 2016 meeting

18 a. Corrections to meeting minutes

- 19 i. Line 88 - Reword to read “a. The NDUS convened the Envision 2030 conference on
20 May 23, 2016, with funding from the Lumina Foundation. State leaders from business,
21 state government and education were invited to speak. Gov. Dalrymple and Senator
22 Heitkamp were among the speakers.”
23 ii. Line 91- Leave out reference to COE & reword “It consisted of 9 breakout sessions,
24 each session’s participants brainstormed about what changes they want to see in 3, 5,
25 and 14 years”
26 iii. Line 94 – Delete “and many at”
27 iv. Add a bullet and statement for Strategic Plan discussion “Asked people to meet
28 following day as a task force for strategic plan.”

29 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Cathleen Ruch (LRSC), 2nd by Jen Withers
30 (DSU) All in favor.
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32 2. Program Updates

- 33 a. Kyle Ethelbah (ASPIRE President) – Will have a formal update tomorrow, wanted to touch on
34 the importance of membership – we are working professional development, looking at
35 persist training to be proficient in skills for working with students, hope COE will help with
36 onboard training with new directors.
37 b. Cara Davis (UND EOC) – We have a bonus year, so we are wrapping up our 6th year in grant
38 cycle and starting new grant cycle in the fall. Busy with Financial aid and college apps. Met
39 our numbers in APR. With Dennis’ assistance we are exploring the Department of Ed’s pilot
40 text program for EOC programs, called “Text Ed,” hoping it will help with preventing summer
41 melt.
42 c. Phil Coghlan (UND UB) – Submitted grant and hope to find out before June 1st. Full planning
43 mode for summer program. We are fully staffed. Submitted APR and met our goals and
44 objective.
45 d. Cathleen Ruch (LRSC SSS) – We are at capacity w/ students and fully staffed. Trying
46 embedded tutor into an ASC 92(math class), tutor would be available in class and after. Very
47 busy which is good.

- 48 e. Brenda Nottestad (UMary SSS) – We have all new staff. Found out having too much money is
49 not good. Have been picking brains, which I appreciate. Done a lot of workshops, they were
50 well attended. At 160 student goal. We hired peer mentors. Things are going good.
- 51 f. Kenard Booker (NDSU SSS) – NDSU wrote for the UB grant, submitted McNair grant and are
52 contemplating VUB. SSS hit objectives on APR. Mentor program is going, we split all new
53 participants among 4 mentors. Anna with McNair is doing well, all her students went to grad
54 school. UB had a good year. Optimistic, spend money, had a lot of turnover. We are
55 celebrating 50 years. NDSU started a 1st gen group on campus last year and had great
56 feedback. TRiO day next week. Student Affairs is also leaving NDSU. Our TRiO day will be April
57 19th.
- 58 g. Jen Withers (DSU SSS) – Planning for 20 years in fall. We are fully staffed. We relocated
59 offices to a new location a year ago and will relocate again in fall. We will move to 2nd floor
60 administration building. We had our awards ceremony and TRiO day at the end of February,
61 had representatives from Heitkamp, Hoven, and Cramer’s office. Lost our Vice President of
62 Student Affairs and her position.
- 63 h. Derek Sporbert (UND) – UND is busy with budget, cuts and restructuring. Working on
64 strategic plan. I am 1 of 50 on the committee, but efforts came out to show diversity
65 including 1st generation. Next year doing a 1st generation orientation for students and
66 parents. Working on handbook and promotional materials to include everyday language. We
67 have 2 new staff, Jamie Fagerholt with EOC and Alex Erbach with TS.
- 68 i. Brenda Nottestad (DCB SSS) – We are fully staffed. Working with Financial Aid to get students
69 literate. Students have hit spring fever.
- 70 j. Joan Jorde (UND SSS) – Completed academic advising early registration. Working on Financial
71 aid and the process as well as the potential for verification. Planning an end of the year
72 student recognition gathering will be end of April or beginning of May.
- 73 k. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) – Submitted grant on Friday. Submitted APR and met
74 requirements. Have 12 students graduating, majority have been accepted and some are still
75 waiting. April 27th is annual research presentation and awards after.
- 76 l. Dawn Eckhardt (UND TS) – Temporarily fully staffed, Laurel Johnson came out of retirement
77 to help. The position will be posted soon. Wrote for both CPP, the middle school initiative is
78 up and running and in growth mode. The 2nd CPP for mentoring will be in summer. Summer
79 exploration program is part of the initiative.
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- 81 3. Treasurer’s Report – Cathleen Ruch
- 82 a. After October conference, Dennis’ travel and co-state we will end with \$13,822.55
- 83 b. We have two \$600.00 deposits, not sure yet what they are.
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- 85 4. Membership Report – Cara Davis
- 86 a. Regional membership is a personal membership and cannot be paid out of grant funds.
87 Membership runs September 1st – August 31st. Below is a list of perks
- 88 i. A discount to attend Co-state and region meetings
- 89 ii. Are a voting member
- 90 iii. Attend pre-conference workshops at no cost
- 91 iv. ASPIRE listserv
- 92 b. We have moved to an online membership and will no longer mail out membership cards. You
93 will get a confirmation email. You can make your payments online with a credit card.
- 94 c. For 16/17 there were 326 in the region, last year was 344. For the state we are at 35
95 members, up 10 from last year.

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5. Other Old Business

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New Business:

1. Elect secretary

- a. I have a nomination for current secretary, Christiana. There are no other nominations.
- b. Move to accept Christiana Pond as secretary for 2nd term by Dennis Stangel, 2nd by Mary Fredricks, all in favor.

2. Operating guidelines

- a. Page 5 – looked at cancellation policy
 - i. Section B- Cancellation policy for State Conferences
 - 1. Should read “cancellation of registration for state conference or events, must be submitted in writing (e-mail). Cancellation will be considered by the state president refund will be given minus any fees related to the conference that have already been charged. Requests will be handled on a case by case basis.
 - ii. Co-State conference
 - 1. Make fee for non-member \$250.00
 - iii. Article VIII- committees – other committees that the President can appoint
 - 1. Delete State Initiative since it is a standing committee.
- b. Discussed cancellation Policy, Co-state conference, and Article VIII- committees
- c. Motion to approve as amended by Cathleen Ruch, 2nd by Kenard Booker, all in favor.

3. Committees

- a. Executive – No report
- b. State initiative – Met February 1st with Brandi R. Dennis S., and Mary F.
 - i. Talked about importance of inviting legislatures to campus
 - 1. DCB had success. Brandi sent an email and they will do a student panel and walk through.
 - 2. DSU had representatives from Heitkamp, Hoeven, and Cramer’s office at annual awards ceremony.
 - 3. Heitkamp’s office called Patrice at McNair wanting to attend research conference.
 - 4. LRSC had Matt from Heitkamp’s office speak to them for an hour.
- c. Finance – No report at this time
- d. Alumni - Joan Jorde
 - i. Explore pro/con of using social media.
 - ii. Regular updates on website for factbook.
 - iii. Offer alumni opportunities to becoming member of ASPIRE.
 - iv. Annually recognizes state TRiO Achiever.
 - v. Have process to identify alumni that can attend policy.
 - vi. Dennis said to point any alumni to ASPIRE alumni tab.
- e. Professional development – Mary Jo Dailey
 - i. October needs assessment, received 14 from ND and 3 from SD.
 - 1. Results 3 major areas: Coaching and mentoring, Financial Aid, Assess student needs.

- 144 ii. Cara said presentations need to be mindful of audience i.e. ND vs. SD
145 iii. Need to specify program specific i.e. pre college or college.
146 iv. Mary Jo is the chair and will recommend a co-chair with SD.
147 v. Utilization of web resources and COE resources.
148 vi. Maybe look at do we want to add more for others like students or non-TRiO
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- 150 4. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks (occurred after State initiative updates)
151 a. House Bill 1382 – Originally would have established a savings account which would allow a
152 tax break for families wanting to send their kids to k-12 private schools. Turned to interim
153 study in the house. Failed in senate by 14-32.
154 b. Senate Bill 2243 – has to deal with teacher loan forgiveness for teachers who fill positions in
155 remote or hard to fill areas would receive some relief. Amounts were reduced in senate and
156 it was then changed in the house to an interim study.
157 c. Senate Bill 2036 – relates to matching grants for the advancement of academics in higher
158 education institutions. Would award \$1 for every \$2 raised at institutional funding. Passed
159 senate, now in house appropriations.
160 d. Senate Bill 2144 – Requested workforce grants for tribally controlled community colleges.
161 Last session the legislature appropriated \$3 million for the program, this session it has been
162 reduced to \$785,000.00. Passed in the senate, currently in house appropriations.
163 e. Senate Bill 2003 – Higher education funding bill. The appropriation for ND State grant has
164 been reduced by about \$2million as well as other scholarship programs. Means reduction in
165 a number of grants given out.
166 f. Senate Bill 2186 – Creation of innovative education program for K-12 schools. It allows
167 schools to apply for waivers to the Department of public instruction if they want to
168 implement something innovative.
169 g. The new standards for math and English will go into effect in Fall 2017.
170 h. State plan for Every Student Succeeds act was submitted to Department of Education on
171 April 3.
172 i. A group of us representing ND ASPIRE will be seeing chancellor, vice chancellor, and Lisa
173 Johnson to update them on TRiO and what we do in state
174 i. Will ask to be a part of initiatives such as Envision 2030.
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- 176 5. 10 for 10 Fair Share
177 a. We did not meet our goal this year.
178 b. It is \$100.00 donation and we need 10 to help us get a waiver for policy. The waiver saves us
179 \$550.00
180 c. 10 for 10 is October through February 15th.
181 d. You can donate on the ASPIRE donation page, specify state. If you do a COE donation
182 forward it to Dennis.
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- 184 6. TRiO Fact Book
185 a. Want to update it with new student stories and pictures. Can be current or alumni.
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- 187 7. Other Business
188 a. COE Policy update
189 i. Discussed Trump’s skinny budget, Senator Heitkamp joined the TRiO caucus.
190 ii. Had students from UND – Roy R. & NDSU – Ruben and Heather.
191 iii. Everyone met with Heitkamp – Positive reception.

- 192 iv. Derek S., UND McNair alum Roy R., Jen W. and Christiana P. met with representative of
193 Hoven's – Positive reception.
194 v. Dennis S., NDSU Casey P., Nancy M., alum Ruben, and alum Heather went to Cramer
195 office – Positive reception.
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- 197 8. Adjourn
198 Next meeting in Salt Lake City, UT in October 2017.
199 Cathleen Ruch (LRSC) moved to adjourn the meeting, Phil Coghlan (UND) seconded.
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201 Meeting adjourned 4:37 p.m.