



1 ND Chapter of ASPIRE  
2 State Meeting  
3 March 27, 2018  
4 Sioux Falls, SD  
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7 **Call to Order:** 8:18 a.m. by Dennis Stangl  
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9 **Roll Call of Programs:** *DCB* – Laura Halvorson, Melissa Fulsebakke, Nathan Biggerstaff; *DSU* – Christiana  
10 Pond; *LRSC* – Cathleen Ruch, Dana Walford; *NDSU* – Ben Shapiro, Kenard Booker, Michelle Pearson;  
11 *UMary* – Brenda Nottestad; *UND* – Mary Jo Dailey, Mary Fredricks, Dawn Eckhardt, Dennis Stangl, Alex  
12 Erbeck, Patrice Giese, Moire Dunn, Matthew Berosik, Josh Tharaldson, Phil Coghlan, Joan Jorde, Lori  
13 Mattison, Cheryl Kingsbury, Kelsey Walters, Derek Sporbert.  
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16 **Old Business:**

17 1. Minutes from October 2017 meeting

18 a. Corrections to meeting minutes

19 i. Line 76 – word correction: Transport should be transfer

20 b. Motion to approve minutes with corrections by Dawn Eckhardt (UND), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl  
21 Kingsbury (UND), All in favor.  
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23 2. Program Updates

24 a. Derek Sporbert (UND TRiO) – Fully staffed, busy with APR, doing a lot of work on first  
25 generation orientation, working on a parent orientation. UND now has a graduation cord for  
26 first generation students. (EOC report) – APR had issues but figured it out with EOC, busy  
27 with college tours, presentations, & financial aid.

28 b. Joan Jorde (UND SSS) working with students on advisement, registration, and deficiency.  
29 Making sure people have completed their FAFSA and attending academic advisement.  
30 Providing Lunch & Learn's.

31 c. Dawn Eckhardt (UND TS) – Submitted APR twice due to a section not showing. Gearing up for  
32 summer 1 wk middle school program. We will spend time in Milwaukee. Busy with yearend  
33 paper work before students depart. The program contains 1 element of CPP, common read  
34 for mentoring. 1<sup>st</sup> year went well and believe it will continue

35 d. Patrice Giese (UND McNair) – Received funding, turned in our APR, 7 or 8 have applied and  
36 been accepted to at least 1 school. Have monthly workshops. Lori found us a good student at  
37 Moorehead. Completing orientation for grad school class and fall will have GRE prep class.

38 e. Phil Coghlan (UND UB) – Completed APR, Prepping for 2018 summer program, hiring summer  
39 staff, fully staffed, seniors are finishing loose ends.

40 f. Brenda Nottestad (UMary SSS) – APR done, good year, have an amazing staff, we are having  
41 fun and building bridges around campus and how we can collaborate.

42 g. Ben Shapiro (NDSU UB) – Fully staffed now, coordinator had resigned in December. Planning  
43 summer program, advising and recruiting.

44 h. Kenard Booker (NDSU SSS) – Fully staffed we hired Kayla from McNair, will be recruiting a  
45 new TA for next year, finished APR we hit objectives, 12 students left to fill, planning SSS  
46 celebration at end of year not whole TRiO this year. College completion grant will help  
47 students graduate it supplemental grant aid for juniors or higher.

- 48 i. Cathleen Ruch (LRSC SSS) – APR met marks, planning TRiO day in May, doing transfer visits to  
49 various schools, getting students registered, meeting with students who are graduating.  
50 j. Nathan Biggerstaff (DCB) – W have had improvement on how the campus sees us, no longer  
51 just a catch all, and more campus buy in. Making programs more accessible through online  
52 assistance. Completed APR and met all but 1 objective. Have all students.  
53 k. Christiana Pond (DSU SSS) –We are fully staffed. Had our awards ceremony on Thursday with  
54 representatives from, Heitkamp, Hoeven, & Cramer’s office, as well as the Dickinson mayor.  
55 Submitted APR..  
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57 3. Treasurer’s Report – Cathleen Ruch

- 58 a. There has been a transition time from John to Marilyn, but Marilyn is now retiring. Marilyn is  
59 reconciling the books we do not have exact numbers, but are looking good.  
60 b. We have about \$11,000.  
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62 4. Membership Report – Dennis Stangl on behalf of Cara

- 63 a. Think we have 26 current, but that seems low, I think last year we had about 40 members.  
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65 5. Other Old Business

- 66 a. None  
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68 **New Business:**

69 1. Election of new officers, President-Elect and secretary

- 70 a. President-Elect: nomination for Ben Shapiro, no other nominations, all in favor.  
71 b. Secretary position is not up until Spring 2019, should have been treasurer voting.  
72 c. Treasurer: Cat is willing to do it, no other nominations, all in favor.  
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74 2. President report

- 75 a. Went to DC with Dennis, Derek, Patricia, Ben, Kenard, Fred Edwards(NDSU alum), Christiana,  
76 Kirby Cagle (DSU Student), Christine Hetzle (DSU Student), and Phil.  
77 i. Cramer signed on to support TRiO, but did not vote due to his son passing away.  
78 ii. Our main concerns were Prosper Act. The people in D.C. said the bill was dead. It is not  
79 completely dead, but there is a good chance.  
80 iii. TRiO now has over 1 billion in funding. 6% increase in grants.  
81 iv. Nothing will really happen after midterm elections, lame duck session, those who got  
82 voted out may try to push through stuff.  
83 b. For other updates, please read the report.

84 3. Next Co-state location

- 85 a. Location and date needs to be determined.  
86 b. Derek mentioned historically we met in Bismarck due to legislative session.

87 4. Legislative Updates – Mary Fredricks

- 88 a. Legislative committee started in fall going to next fall. Many of bill drafts come out of this  
89 time.  
90 b. Higher Education Committee studying current funding model.  
91 c. Education Fund Committee looking at state funding due to shift in property taxes.  
92 d. Education Policy Committee reviewing work of various auspicious.  
93 i. Review ND Every Child Succeeds Act and senior project.  
94 ii. 2015 Every Child Succeeds Act passed in 2017.  
95 iii. Choice ready accountability provides look at number of students meeting benchmarks  
of Graduation rate, GED completion, Scores on state assessment, ELL proficiency.

- 96 e. College Ready English and Math (CREAM) & ND Center for Distance Education college ready  
97 and college level English and math (CLEM).  
98 i. Can use online resources to improve performance. Need to achieve certain scores on  
99 modules.
- 100 f. The Education policy committee reviewing the DPI Leveraging Senior Year initiative.  
101 i. The leg appropriated money so every student could take an AP class  
102 1. Free and reduced lunch students can get up to 4 AP classes
- 103 g. K-12 Visioning  
104 i. NDUS received \$100,000 grant from Lumina foundation. Brought together 4 people  
105 from low and higher ed, business, and government to see what could be done for those  
106 with some college but no degree.
- 107 h. Governor's office involved in ed policy 2017 taskforce.  
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- 109 5. Committees  
110 a. Executive – See attached report  
111 b. State initiative –  
112 i. Spraggin grant funds things like honoring the TRiO achiever.  
113 c. Alumni -  
114 i. Focus has 2 options – COE has online registration for alumni. Encourage students to log  
115 in and register. ASPIRE also has this.  
116 ii. COE has a contest right now, if we get an increase of 50 people we will get 2 free  
117 registrations to COE conference in NY.
- 118 d. Professional development –  
119 i. We don't really have one
- 120 e. Development committee  
121 i. No one is on this committee. We need people. This committee helps with when we  
122 host region in 2020 for supplies i.e. portfolio, fun run, dinner.  
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- 124 6. 10 for 10 Fair Share (Ben Shapiro)  
125 a. We are at 71 %, it is determined by institutional memberships and personal donations. We  
126 got our 10 for 10, so Dennis was able to go to policy for free.  
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- 128 7. TRIO Fact Book  
129 a. We give to legislature to show how we serve students. Would be always looking for  
130 personal stories from students.  
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- 132 8. Other Business  
133 a. Derek thanked Dennis for his service as president  
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- 135 9. Adjourn  
136 Next meeting in Missoula, MT in October 2018.  
137 Dawn Eckhardt (UND TS) moved to adjourn the meeting, Phil Coghlan (UND UB) seconded.  
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139 Meeting adjourned 9:17 a.m.