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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education  
Black, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.

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3. **New Academic Program Requests (final approval at SBHE ASAC)**
  - a. Dickinson State University – John Miller presented.
    - i. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

Mr. Miller stated this program will be training school administrators as vice-principals, principals, and superintendents in alignment with the ND Credentialing requirements. Research for this was conducted in western North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, and parts of Wyoming. The DSU program is an online hybrid program with synchronized work. Programs like this are beneficial as practitioners are working as administrators in the current environment, or they are working as teachers currently. It is not practical to expect those professionals to be able to do this in any other manner than a program like this.

Black moved, Hanson seconded the motion to approve the Ed. In Educational Leadership program. Black, Hanson, and Warford voted yes. The motion passed.



**Reports/Updates/Discussion**

6. Legislative Update – Ms. Lisa Johnson and Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons

Ms. Johnson reported:

- x HB 1531 would prevent institutions from waiving application fees based on race, gender, ethnicity, or other diverse components. NDUS opposed the bill due to the ability to not waive fees for veterans, or if the institution wanted to promote an outreach event and waive the fee for certain groups. The Board did authorize institutions to waive fees, which typically was only done for a specific period and then they would be waived for everyone, thus they are not awarded to any individual based on race, gender, or component of diversity. Last night, the House affirmed a Do Not Pass.
- x SB 2247, referred to as a divisive topics bill, consisting of a list of topics that were not permitted to advance and to incorporate into a curriculum that included cautionary language about not requiring employees to attend training on specified topics. The Senate passed this bill.
- x The Tenure Bill is still under review by the committee.
- x HB 1003 exited out of House Appropriations Education and Environmental Committee in a favorable position funding capital project, funding scholarships and tuition freeze, and funding salary increases.

Ms. Fitzsimmons reported:

- x HB 1200 Regarding colleges and universities requiring vaccines. There is w. 83 (t)-5r.(.)1 ( 0 Tc 0(s)-14.6 (n)5.3 c6D117

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