SBHE Policy 403.7 (GERTA+ Timeline)

1. 2008 Elizabeth Birmingham and Larry Peterson visited UND to learn about their recent general education revision (Essential Studies).
   * Existing GERTA limited their options.
2. 2008 NDUS Arts & Humanities Summit in Bismarck
   * Panel, “Are We Preparing Our Students to be Educated People in the 21st Century?”
   * Panelists from NDSU, UND, BSC, and MiSU
   * Existing GERTA is not based on student learning outcomes and allows limited innovation.
   * NDUS Vice Chancellor Mike Hillman “I’ve been waiting for years to hear this.”
3. 2009 First NDGE Summit held at UND (only NDUS institutions).
4. 2010 ND tribal and private colleges invited to join NDGEC (Mike Hillman’s suggestion).
5. 2010 NDUS joined AAC&U’s LEAP States Initiative.
6. 2011 North Dakota General Education Council (NDGEC) Constitution ratified by state campuses and supported by NDUS Academic Affairs Council (May).
   * Grass-roots collaboration
   * “work together to promote the interests of General Education across the state . . .”
   * “assist the State Board of Higher Education . . . to improve higher education by ministering to the needs and proper development of General Education”
7. 2011 NDGEC began participating in AAC&U’s Quality Collaboratives project.
   * Transfer based on learning outcomes & *Degree Qualifications Profile*
8. 2012 Consensus ND Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs) emerged from campus meetings.
   * Based on AAC&U’s Essential Learning Outcomes
9. 2012 NDUS invited to participate in WICHE Interstate Passport initiative.
   * Interstate transfer grounded in *Degree Qualifications Profile*
10. 2013 NDGEC members began working on proposed GERTA+ revisions to Policy 403.7.
11. 2014 NDGEC formally accepted ND ELOs.
12. 2014 NDGE pre-Summit Workshop developed Proficiency Statements for five ND ELOs.
13. 2015 NDGEC approved proposed GERTA+ revisions to Policy 403.7.
14. 2016 NDUS Academic Affairs Council (two meetings February)
    * Vice Chancellor Richard Rothaus organized discussion on GERTA+ and WICHE Interstate Passport.
    * Proposal to replace existing GERTA with Interstate Passport failed at first meeting.
    * AAC returned GERTA+ proposal to NDGEC for revision.
    * Proposal to keep GERTA unchanged and to allow individual institutions to join Interstate Passport approved at second meeting. Four campuses joined the Interstate Passport.
15. 2017 NDUS Academic Affairs Council (September)
    * Further conversations about GERTA+, but no decision