

Advance FORWARD seeks advisory board members

The NDSU Advance FORWARD project seeks members for a new advisory board to provide guidance to the Advocate and Ally program. The group will advise the Advocates and Allies about priorities for women faculty at NDSU. Time commitment will not exceed one hour per month. All women faculty at NDSU are encouraged to apply for positions on the advisory board.

Advance FORWARD Advocates and Allies are groups of male faculty interested in supporting women faculty members in departments, colleges and the university. In the past few years, Advocates and Allies have encouraged the administration to support Advance FORWARD initiatives and work-life balance efforts on campus. They also have worked on issues such as position descriptions; the child care center; and, most recently, NDSU emergency cancellations and the strain the lack of alignment with public school cancellations places on faculty, staff and student parents. Advocates and Allies also have served on various university groups and committees, including search committees and an ad hoc group to investigate the status of spouse/partner hires in academia. They also have initiated a project to increase the number of women faculty who are nominated for major awards at NDSU.

Those interested in serving on the new advisory board should contact Becca Hayes, FORWARD graduate fellow, at **rebecca.mellem@my.ndsu.edu** or 1-7337. Additional information about the Advocates can be found on the Advance FORWARD Initiatives page: **www.ndsu.edu/forward/advance_forward_initiatives/forward_advocates_and_allies**.