The Northern Plains Ethics Institute’s (NPEI) Director, Dennis Cooley, announced that NDSU president, Dean Bresciani, has accepted an offer to become an NPEI’s Advisory Board member. Bresciani’s role on the board is in addition to his duties as NDSU president and begins immediately.

“After President Bresciani’s extensive support for the 2020-21 YWCA Cass Clay and NPEI’s Learning the Language of Diversity and Meaningful Inclusion programming and our other projects, we thought it was time to offer him a more formal role in the Institute,” Cooley stated. “He joins a group of outstanding community leaders, such as Kara Sauvageau Careaga, US Department of Homeland Security, Jace Beehler, Chief of Staff for Governor Burgum, Tim Flakoll, Provost of Tri-College University, Jay Krabbenhoft, VP at Gate City Bank, and Veronica Michael, CEO of Prairie Products, looking for more meaningful democratic participation on social and ethical issues affecting the Northern Plains and beyond.”

NPEI Advisory Board members help create NPEI programming and community outreach, serve as moderators and conveners to these events, and give guidance on how the NPEI can best answer its two fundamental ethical questions of where do we want to go and how do we get there?

Bresciani was named North Dakota State University’s 14th president in 2010. He brings to campus the knowledge and experience of a more than 36-year career in higher education, which has included roles at three land grant universities overlapping three AAU universities. He has developed broad leadership experience in the academic, administrative and political aspects of higher education.

The NDSU president came to NDSU from Texas A&M University in College Station, where he was in a vice president role from 2004 to 2008 and an adjunct full professor in the department of educational administration through 2010. Previously he held a vice chancellor role at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and adjunct faculty positions both there and at North Carolina State University. He also served in administrative and faculty roles at public universities in Nebraska, Arizona, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio and California.

Bresciani has held national leadership positions in professional organizations including council chair for the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, board of directors for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and a variety of committees and counsels for the NCAA leading to his current role on the Association’s Division-I Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, EDUCAUSE, Association for the Study of Higher Education, and National Association of College and University Business Officers. He has produced an array of invited and juried publications and presentations, and his scholarship focuses on the organization and funding of public higher education.