

North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund
November 18, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. CST., via a hybrid meeting option of face-to-face and Microsoft Teams.

LT. Governor Sanford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT.

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford (Chair)
Senator Heckaman
Senator Karen Krebsbach
Representative Martinson
Representative Schmidt
Mr. Rick Burgum
Dr. Jill Louters
Mr. Jeffry Volk

Institutions and/or Foundation Representatives:

Ms. Knudson – BSC
Ms. Nelson – NDSCS
President Easton and Mr. Orton – DSU
President Shirley and Mr. Hedberg – MiSU
Dean Migler and Ms. Stevens – DCB
Ms. Anderson – NDSU
Ms. Nord – LRSC
Mr. Workin – MaSU
Ms. Carlson-Zink – UND
President LaFave and Mr. Anderson – VCSU
President Hirning and Mr. Berg – WSC

Others Participating

Chancellor Hagerott, NDUS
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
Ms. Terry Meyer, NDUS
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

2. **Agenda**

Schmidt moved, Martinson seconded, to approve the agenda.

Approved by consensus.

3. **Meeting Minutes**

Heckaman moved, Burgum seconded, to approve the January 26, 2021, meeting minutes.

Approved by consensus.

4. **Attorney General Opinion on SB2030**

Mr. Eric Olson, AG Assistant Attorney provided a summary of the opinion that was issued a couple weeks ago by the Attorney General's office regarding Senate Bill 2030. He explained that the restriction(s) regarding the institutions applying for matching funds pursuant to the challenge grant. If any person or organization performs or promotes the performance of an abortion, unless the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of the woman. It further restricts institutions from participating or sponsoring any program, producing, distributing, publishing, disseminating, endorsing, and/or approving materials of any type from any organization that does not give preference, encouragement, and support to normal childbirth.

After legislation passed SB2030, Chancellor Hagerott requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office on clarification regarding the application and enforceability of Senate Bill 2030.

Mr. Olson explained that as a general matter, it is permissible for the legislature to place conditions on awarded funds; but the condition(s) must be constitutional. Mr. Olson has provided the institutions guidance on how to proceed.

5. **2021-2023 Appropriation by Campus Fund Balance**

Mr. David Krebsbach has the listing of funds by institution available for this biennium that were allocated by the last legislative session and it's 11.111 million, 150,000 in total for this meeting will be reviewing 2.9 million of applications from 8 different institutions, and you can see what the remaining balances will be after today's meeting, assuming they all.

Regular Scope & Funding Application

6. [VCSU](#)

- a) Endowed Scholarship Program-Application

Martinson moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve VCSU's request, as proposed.

Krebsbach, Volk, Burgum, Heckaman, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

7. [UND](#)

- a) Summary of Applications
- b) Educators-Fellowship Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-1-Scope
- c) Educators-Fellowship Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-1-Application
- d) Educators-Fellowship Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-2-Scope
- e) Educators-Fellowship Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-2-Application
- f) Educators-Professorship-College of Engineering and Mines-1-Scope
- g) Educators-Professorship-College of Engineering and Mines-1-Application
- h) Educators-Professorship-College of Engineering and Mines-2-Scope
- i) Educators-Professorship-College of Engineering and Mines-2-Application
- j) Educators-Fellowship College of Engineering and Mines-Scope
- k) Educators-Fellowship College of Engineering and Mines-Application
- l) Scholarship Endowment-College of Arts & Sciences-1-Application
- m) Scholarship Endowment-Engineering & Nursing-Application
- n) Scholarship Endowment-School of Aerospace Sciences-Application
- o) Scholarship Endowment- Engineering-Application
- p) Scholarship Endowment-History-Application

- q) Scholarship Endowment-College of Arts and Sciences-2-Application
- r) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-1-Application
- s) Scholarship Endowment-College of Arts & Sciences-3
- t) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-2-Application

Burgum moved, Heckaman seconded, to approve UND's requests, as proposed.

Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Volk, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

8. [NDSCS](#)

- a) Opportunity for Tools Grant Project-Scope
- b) Nursing Expansion Project-Scope
- c) Roger & Donna Hentges Endowed Scholarship-Application
- d) Sondra K Vick Endowment-Application
- e) Bjerke Family Farm Endowment-Application
- f) Precision Machining Technology Recruitment Scholarship-Application
- g) Foundation Endowment Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Burgum seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests, as proposed.

Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Volk, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

9. [MiSU](#)

- a) Summary of Applications
- b) Endowment-1 (Music)-Scope
- c) Endowment-1 (Music)-Application
- d) Endowment-2 (NDCPD)-Scope
- e) Endowment-2 (NDCPD)-Application
- f) Endowment-3 (Teacher Education)-Scope
- g) Endowment-3 (Teacher Education)-Application
- h) Scholarship Endowment-1-Application
- i) Scholarship Endowment-2-Application
- j) Scholarship Endowment-3-Application
- k) Scholarship Endowment-4-Application
- l) Scholarship Endowment-5-Application
- m) Scholarship Endowment-6-Application
- n) Scholarship Endowment-7-Application
- o) Scholarship Endowment-8-Application
- p) Scholarship Endowment-9-Application
- q) Scholarship Endowment-10-Application
- r) Endowed Academic Scholarship Campaign-Application

Krebsbach moved, Louters seconded, to approve MiSU's requests, with the exception of the childcare line item (item 8f on pg 159).

Volk, Louters, Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

Krebsbach moved, Louters seconded, to approve 60% of MiSU's Endowment-3 (Teacher Education)-Scope (agenda item 9f), and further discuss the remaining 40% at a future meeting.

Volk, Louters, Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

10. [MaSU](#)

- a) Scholarship for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- b) Endowment for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- c) Donor Pledge Forms
- d) Employee Giving Pledge Forms
- e) Scholarship Criteria

Heckaman moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve MaSU's requests, as proposed.

Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Volk, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

11. [LRSC](#)

- a) Educational Infrastructure-Scope
- b) Educational Infrastructure-Application
- c) Endowments for Program Support-Scope
- d) Endowments for Scholarship Support-Application

Heckaman moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve LRSC's requests, as proposed.

Krebsbach, Volk, Burgum, Heckaman, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

12. [DSU](#)

- a) DSU Nursing Lab-Scope
- b) DSU College on the Hill-Application

Volk moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve DSU's requests, as proposed.

Krebsbach, Volk, Burgum, Heckaman, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

13. [BSC](#)

- a) Endowment for Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve BSC's requests, as proposed.

Krebsbach, Volk, Burgum, Heckaman, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

Other Committee Business

14. Mr. Krebsbach reviewed the ND Higher Education Challenge Grant Fund [Semi-Annual Report](#).

15. Open Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. CT.

Approved March 21, 2022.