

North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund
March 24, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Thursday, March 24th, at 10:00 a.m. CST., via a hybrid meeting option of face-to-face and Microsoft Teams. The meeting originated from the North Dakota State Capitol Building Fort Totten room, 600 E Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501.

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

Committee Members Present:

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

Institutions and/or Foundation Representatives:

Ms. Knudson – BSC
Dean Migler, Ms. Stevens - DCB
Mr. Orton – DSU
Ms. Nord – LRSC
President Van Horn, Ms. Swenson, Mr. Workin – MaSU
President Shirley, Mr. Hedberg – MiSU
Ms. Nelson – NDSCS
President Bresciani, Ms. Monique Anderson – NDSU
Ms. Carlson-Zink – UND
Mr. Anderson – VCSU
President Hirning – WSC

Others Participating

Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
Ms. Mindy Sturn, NDUS
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUS
Ms. Jamie Wilke, NDUS
Mr. Eric Olson, AG Office

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Schmidt moved, Martinson seconded, to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove the semi-annual report.

Approved by consensus.

3. Approval of November 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Martinson moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve November 18, 2021, as presented.

Approved by consensus.

4. Needs Based/Merit Based Award of Funds

Mr. David Krebsbach explained there was a question from the committee on whether awards were being distributed largely to the needs-based students within the campuses or if there are other methods taken into consideration. He followed-up with a few campuses and they indicated that donors are determining how awards are to be dispersed to the students, based on their specific criteria in the applications, and it is not just needs-based awards to students.

5. Challenge Grant Fund Balances

Ms. Mindy Sturn reviewed the Challenge Grant fund balance, She explained that at the November 18th meeting there was roughly \$2.9 million utilized, today there is a little over \$5 million pending, and if approved today, the challenge grant fund would be 70% utilized.

Regular Scope & Funding Application Approvals

6. [BSC](#)

- a) Endowment for BSC Library-**Scope**
- b) Endowment for BSC Library-Application
- c) Endowment for Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve BSC's requests, items 6 a - c.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

7. [DCB](#)

- a) General Scholarship Campaign-Application

Schmidt moved, Heckaman seconded, to approve DCB's request, item 7 a.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

8. [DSU](#)

- a) Nursing Lab-Application
- b) College on the Hill Endowed Scholarship Campaign-Application
- c) Cornerstone Traditions-Application

Spelhaug moved, Louters seconded, to approve DSU's requests, items 8 a - c.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

9. [LRSC](#)

- a) (3) Endowment for Scholarship Support
- b) (4) Endowment for Program Support

Louters moved, Heckaman seconded, to approve LRSC's requests, items 9 a - b.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

10. [MaSU](#)

- a) Annual Scholarship for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- b) Endowment for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- c) Attachments: MaSU Pledge forms and Scholarship Criteria

Heckaman moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve MaSU's requests, items 10 a - c.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

11. [MiSU](#)

- a. Summary of Applications-**Informational Only**
- b. Communication Sciences and Disorders-Equipment-**Scope**
- c. Endowed Academic Scholarship Campaign-Application
- d. Scholarship Endowment-11-Application

- e. Scholarship Endowment-12-Application
- f. Scholarship Endowment-13-Application

Krebsbach moved, Louters seconded, to approve MiSU's requests, items 19 a - f

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

12. [NDSCS](#)

- a) Opportunity for Tools-Application
- b) Center for Math & Science-Application
- c) Ag Endowment-Application
- d) Endowment Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Schmidt seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests, items 12 a – d.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

13. [NDSU](#)

- a) Summary of Cash Flow Schedule-**Informational Only**
- b) Graduate Fellowship-20234-Application
- c) Scholarship-20280-Application
- d) Memorial Scholarship Endowment-20347-Application
- e) Family Scholarship-20478-Application
- f) Family Scholarship Endowment-20546-Application
- g) Family Pharmacy Endowed Scholarship-20584-Application
- h) Engineering Scholarship Endowment-20595-Application
- i) Endowed Scholarship-20655-Application
- j) Scholarship Endowment-20659-Application

- k) Endowed Scholarship-20690-Application
- l) Scholarship Endowment-20714-Application
- m) Scholarship-20725-Application
- n) Performing Arts Scholarship-20744-Application
- o) Public Health Scholarship Endowment-20765-Application
- p) Scholarship Endowment-20830-Application
- q) Trust Endowment-20840-Application
- r) Crop and Weed Sciences Scholarship-20843-Application
- s) Scholarship Endowment-20863-Application
- t) Ag Endowed Scholarship-20874-Application
- u) Pharmacy Endowed Scholarship-20875-Application
- v) Family Endowment-20879-Application
- w) Scholarship Endowment for Innovation Excellence-20888-Application
- x) Family Endowed Scholarship-20895-Application
- y) Environmental Engineering Scholarship Endowment-20896-Application
- z) Architecture & Design Memorial Scholarship-20901-Application
- aa) Agribusiness Scholarship Endowment-20907-Application
- bb) CSM Promising Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS)-20922-Application
- cc) Scholarship-25908-Application
- dd) Scholarship Endowment-25943-Application

Heckaman moved, Volk seconded, to approve NDSU's requests, items 13 a - dd.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

14. [UND](#)

- a) Fellowship Endowment-Accounting-**Scope**
- b) Fellowship Endowment-Accounting-Application

15. [UND School of Law](#)

- a) Professorship Endowment-School of Law-**Scope**
- b) Professorship Endowment-School of Law-Application

16. [UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences](#)

- a) Scholarship Endowment-1 (11-23-2021)-Application
- b) Scholarship Endowment-2 (11-23-2021)-Application
- c) Scholarship Endowment (11-24-2021)-Application
- d) Scholarship Endowment-1 (12-3-2021)-Application
- e) Scholarship Endowment-2 (12-3-2021)-Application
- f) Scholarship Endowment (12-8-2021)-Application
- g) Scholarship Endowment (12-12-2021)-Application
- h) Scholarship Endowment (12-17-2021)-Application
- i) Scholarship Endowment (12-27-2021)-Application
- j) Scholarship Endowment (01-06-2022)-Application
- k) Scholarship Endowment (01-07-2022)-Application
- l) Scholarship Endowment (02-10-2022)-Application

Louters moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve UND's requests, items 14 a – b, 15 a – b, and 16 a – l.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor

Sanford.

17. [VCSU](#)

- a) Endowed Scholarship Program-Application

Schmidt moved, Martinson seconded, to approve VCSU's request, item 17 a.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

Other Committee Business

18. Semi-Annual reporting periods

The Semi-Annual report will be distributed via email. The committee discussed the timeframe for reporting periods.

Martinson moved, Spelhaug seconded, to change the institution semi-annual reporting from October 31 and April 30 to June 30 and December 31.

Louters, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Spelhaug, Volk, Martinson, Schmidt, and Lt. Governor Sanford.

19. Future Meeting Dates, June 2022, September 2022, December 2022, January 2023, March 2023, June 2023. Committee had no concerns.

20. Open Discussion

The Challenge Grant Committee members discussed whether campus buildings should be considered for match dollars, however, Century Code 15-10-53 prohibits them.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. CT.

Approved June 24, 2022.