

North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Grant Fund Committee
January 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Grant Fund Committee met on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. CT via a hybrid meeting option of face-to-face and Microsoft Teams.

Jace Beehler called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. CT.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Jace Beehler, Senator Krebsbach, Senator Sorvaag, Representative Martinson, Representative O'Brien, Mr. Volk, Mr. Black, Mr. Burgum, Ms. Spelhaug.

Ms. Mindy Sturn, Mr. Krebsbach, Ms. Wilke, Ms. Meyer.

Kari Knudson, BSC
President Easton, Ty Orton, DSU
President Shirley/Rick Hedberg, MISU
John Glover, NDSU
Cory Anderson, VCSU
Hunter Berg, President Hirning, WSC
Laurie Furuseth, WSC

Leslie Stevens/Dean Simone, DCB
Elonda Nord, LRSC
Kim Nelson, NDSCS
Sigrid Letcher, UND
Andrew Workin, MaSU

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by consensus.

3. Approval of September 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Approved by consensus.

Ms. Mindy Sturn provided a summary of the Challenge Grant Fund Program. The matching grants being worked on are covered in NDCC Section 15-10-48 through Section 15-10-53. The NDCC and the Rules of Operation links are on the NDUS website located at the bottom of the page.

4. Challenge Grant Fund Balances

Ms. Mindy Sturn reviewed the Challenge Grant Fund balances remaining for each of the institutions, including amounts of past disbursements, the amounts allotted for this biennium and the amounts that are pending today's meeting for the regular fund in the 1/23/2023 column. The \$33,417 funding will be discussed later during the Pooled Funding Distribution process.

Regular Scope & Funding Application Approvals

5. VCSU State Request \$91,973

a) VCSU Endowed Scholarship Program-Application

Mr. Cory Anderson, Executive Director Advancement Office, presented VCSU request.

Burgum moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve VCSU's request.

Martinson, O'Brien, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

6. NDSCS State Request: \$248,117

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Aldevron Change of Scope-No New Fund Request
- c) Apex Engineering Group Endowment-**Scope**
- d) Apex Engineering Group Endowment-Application
- e) Cadaver Lab Project-**Scope**
- f) Cadaver Lab Project-Application
- g) NDSCS Foundation Scholarships-Application
- h) Nursing Expansion Project-Application
- i) Women for NDSCS Endowment-Application

Ms. Kim Nelson, Executive Director of Alumni Foundation presented NDSCS's requests.

Volk moved, Black seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests (c-i).

Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

7. MiSU State Request: \$58,825

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Scholarship Endowment-20-Application
- c) Scholarship Endowment-21-Application
- d) Endowed Academic Scholarship Campaign-Application

President Shirley presented MiSU's requests.

Burgum moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve MiSU's requests (b-d).

Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

8. MaSU State Request: \$119,203

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Annual Scholarship for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- c) MSU endowment for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application

Mr. Lon Jorgenson, Foundation Executive Director presented MaSU's requests.

Black moved, Spelhaug seconded, to approve MaSU's requests (b-c).

Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Black, Volk, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

9. DCB State Request: \$216,554

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Nursing for the Future Initiative-Application
- c) General Scholarship Campaign-Application

Ms. Leslie Stevens, Foundation Director, presented DCB's requests.

Krebsbach moved, Volk seconded, to approve DCB's requests (b-c).

Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Black, Volk, Burgum, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

10. **BSC State Request: \$38,681**

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Heavy Equipment Operator Program Endowment-**Scope**
- c) Heavy Equipment Operator Program Endowment-Application
- d) Scholarship Endowment-Application

Ms. Kari Knudson, Foundation Director, presented BSC's requests.

Black moved, Burgum seconded, to approve BSC's requests (a-d).

Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

11. **Review and approval of Pooled Funding Distribution Process**

Ms. Mindy Sturn reported there have been discussions held with Chair Beehler wherein being presented today are two (2) options for this Committee to review. NDSU and UND are in their own separate pool, thus they are not included in this funding process.

"Example A" has been used in the past two (2) biennia and the allocation percentages are based on the Campuses State grant application requests that were submitted for the pooled funding round. The allocation breakdown in Example A depicts what the amount would be per campus based on this allocation method. For the pool funding round, a campus is only eligible to apply if all allocations were used.

"Example B" reviewed allocation percentage based on the campus' current biennium. That percentage was used when looking at what the current allotment was for the current biennium and dividing that by the sum of the other campuses that submitted for the Application processes indicate that is how those percentages were generated in this option.

Chair Beehler explained that when the team discussed this, they wanted to make sure there were options. "Example A" that was distributed was based on the percentage that was submitted by the University for the pooled round of funding that has been used in the past. "Example B" indicates the university percentage standard through the program. Chair Beehler invited members to comment and offer recommendations as to which process to use for the pooled funding for this biennium.

Ms. Sturn clarified that pursuant to NDCC this committee is allowed to use its discretion how to award the funding. The applications listed in the pooled funding section of the agenda represents the order in which the applications were received. All cash donations listed on the Pooled fund applications have been received by the respective institutions.

Representative Martinson recommended allowing the institutions to carry over the remaining funds (for the next biennium).

Mr. Krebsbach responded stating that he will review the appropriation language in the NDCC on the allocation for this biennium to see if it would be available for carryover.

Chair Beehler inquired if this Committee were to allow these colleges (DCB and VCSU) to continue seeking funds would another meeting need to be scheduled prior to the end of the biennium to ensure that any remaining funds are utilized? Mr. Krebsbach clarified that another committee meeting would be necessary in order to approve those applications.

Chair Beehler stated there are three (3) options on the table for the committee to decide which one to move forward with as shown in Option #1: "Example A" is the percentage submitted by the institution; Option #2: "Example B" would be to distribute the funding based on the allocation as utilized throughout the Challenge Grant Fund Program during the biennium; Option #3: Allowing DCB and VCSU within the next six (6) months of the biennium to see if they can raise the funds, however that would require this committee to meet again prior to July 1, 2023.

Mr. Black moved, Burgum seconded, to approve Option #1: "Example A" Polled Funding Allocation Percentage of State Grant Requested in Pooled Funding Application.

Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug and Beehler voted yes. Krebsbach voted no. The motion passed.

Pooled Scope & Funding Application Approvals

12. WSC State Request: \$125,000

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) WSC Health Science Advancements-Application

President Hirning presented WSC's request for \$14,174,

Burgum moved, Black seconded, to approve WSC's requests (a-b).

O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

13. LRSC State Request: \$24,500

- a) Endowments for Scholarship Support-Application

Ms. Elonda Nord presented LRSC's request for \$2,778.

Burgum moved, Spelhaug seconded, to approve LRSC's request (a).

Martinson, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

14. DSU State Request - \$14,250

- a) College on Hill-Endowment Campaign-Application

President Easton presented DSU's request for \$1,616.

Volk moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve DSU's request (a).

Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, O'Brien, Martinson, Sorvagg, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

15. **MiSU State Request: \$33,417**

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Endowed Academic Scholarship Campaign-Application

President Shirley presented MiSU's request for \$3,789.

Krebsbach moved, Volk seconded, to approve MiSU's requests (a-b).

Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, O'Brien, Martinson, Sorvagg, Volk, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

16. **MaSU State Request: \$7,334**

- a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
- b) Annual Scholarship for Academic Excellence-Application
- c) MSU Endowment for Academic Excellence-Application

Mr. Lon Jorgenson, Foundation Executive Director presented MaSU's request for \$832.

Burgum moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve MaSU's requests (a-c).

Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

17. **BSC State Request: \$90,209**

- a) Summary of Application-For Information Only
- b) Endowment for Scholarships-Application

Mr. Kari Knudson presented BSC's request for \$10,229.

Black moved, Spelhaug seconded, to approve BSC's requests (a-b).

Spelhaug, Krebsbach, O'Brien, Martinson, Sorvagg, Volk, Black, Burgum, Beehler voted yes. The motion passed.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

18. **Open Discussion**

Chair Beehler extended a thank you to all institutions for their dedication and work to raise these funds to ensure that these dollars for the Challenge Grant Funds are utilized.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. CT.

Approved October 4, 2023.