October 4, 2023

North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. CT.

Chair Mr. Jace Beehler called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CT.

1. Roll Call
   Committee Members present:
   Chair Jace Beehler
   Senator Karen Krebsbach
   Senator Ronald Sorvaag
   Rep. Bob Martinson
   Rep. Emily O’Brien
   Mr. Jeffry Volk
   Mr. Kevin Black
   Mr. Rick Burgum
   Ms. Taya Spelhaug

   Institutions and Institution Foundation representatives:
   BSC: Kari Knudson/President Jensen
   DCB: Leslie Stevens/Dean Simone
   DSU: Ty Orton/President Easton
   LRSC: Elonda Nord/President Darling
   MaSU: Lon Jorgensen/President Van Horn
   MiSU: Rick Hedberg/President Shirley
   NDSCS: Kim Nelson/President Flanigan
   NDSU: John Glover/President Cook
   UND: DeAnna Carlson Zink/President Armacost
   VCSU: Cory Anderson/President LaFave
   WSC: Hunter Berg/President Hirning

   North Dakota University System Office and Guests:
   Mr. David Krebsbach
   Ms. Mindy Sturm
   Ms. Jamie Wilke
   Ms. Terry Meyer
   Mr. Mark Gorenflo

2. Approval of Agenda
   The agenda was approved as presented, by consensus.

3. Meeting Minutes –
   Martinson moved, O’Brien seconded, to approve the January 23, 2023, meeting minutes, as presented.
Approved by consensus.

Ms. Sturn reviewed the proposed changes to the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Rules of Operation and Procedures; they were updated to align with Century Code, based on the latest legislative session. The committee discussed if there should be changes made to the document requirements for the institutions and system office. The discussion will continue at the next committee meeting, and possible action taken, as needed. At the next Challenge Grant meeting the System Office will bring options forward to the committee for required documentation for requesting any of the challenge grant funds. The committee will consider if they want to provide clarification around pooled funding procedures in the Rules of Operation.

O’Brian moved, Black seconded, to approve the rules of operation and procedures with the addition of updating NDSU Research and Extension to NDSU Agriculture, Research, and Extension.

Krebsbach, Sorvaag, Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes. Burgum temporarily inaudible.

5. 2023-25 Challenge Grant Allocations (pg. 16)
Ms. Sturn provided the 2023-2025 Challenge Grant allocations; the committee had no concerns.

Regular Scope & Funding Application Approvals

6. BSC State Request: $436,352
   a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
   b) BSC Foundation Endowment for Scholarships-Application
   c) BSC Foundation Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Volk seconded, to approve BSC request, items 6(b and c).

Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes. Burgum temporarily inaudible.

7. DSU State Request: $452,632
   a) Summary of Applications- Informational only
   b) Cornerstone Traditions Scholarship-Application
   c) College on the Hill Endowment Campaign-Application

Black moved, Spellhaug seconded, to approve DSU request, items 7(b and c).

Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes. Burgum temporarily inaudible.

8. MaSU State Request: $405,173
   a) Summary of Applications- Informational only
   b) Endowment for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application

Volk moved, Martinson seconded, to approve MaSU request, items 7(b).

Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes. Burgum temporarily inaudible.
9. **MiSU State Request: $661,504**
   a) Summary of Applications- Informational only
   b) Endowment-1-**SCOPE**
   c) Endowment-2- **SCOPE**
   d) Classroom Enhancements- **SCOPE**
   e) Deaf Mentor Project- **SCOPE**
   f) Looyenga Leadership Center- **SCOPE**

Martinson moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve MiSU scope request, items 9(b -f).

Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes. Burgum voted no. Motion passed.

**MiSU continued:**
   g) Scholarship Endowment-1-Application
   h) Scholarship Endowment-2- Application
   i) Scholarship Endowment-3- Application
   j) Scholarship Endowment-4- Application
   k) Scholarship Endowment-5- Application
   l) Scholarship Endowment-6- Application
   m) Scholarship Endowment-7- Application
   n) Academic Scholarship Campaign- Application
   o) Endowment-1- Application
   p) Endowment-2- Application
   q) Classroom Enhancements- Application
   r) Deaf Mentor Project- Application
   s) Looyenga Leadership Center- Application

Krebsbach moved, Volk seconded, to approve MiSU application requests, items 9(g -s).

Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Black, Spelhaug, and Beehler voted yes.

10. **NDSCS State Request: $43,232**
   a) Summary of Applications- Informational only
   b) Bremer Bank Theatre Project-**SCOPE**

Volk moved, Spellhaug seconded, to approve NDSCS scope request, item 10b.

Martinson, O’Brien, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, and Beehler voted yes.

**NDSCS continued:**
   c) Jeff & Jo Ann Dietz Endowment Scholarship-Application
   d) Travers John & Alyce Endowment-Application
   e) Roger & Donna Hentges Endowment-Application

Burgum moved, Martinson seconded, to approve NDSCS application request, items 10 (c – e).

Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, Martinson, O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, and Beehler voted yes.

11. **NDSU State Request: $2,112,812**
a) Summary of Applications (NDSU & NDSU SBARE)- Informational only
b) Family IME Fellowship-30512-SCOPE
c) Endowment Fund-40140-SCOPE

Volk moved, O'brian seconded, to approve NDSU scope request, items 11(b and c).

Martinson, O'Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

d) College of Engineering General Scholarship-11310-Application
e) Family IME Scholarship-11381- Application
f) Scholarship-11393- Application
g) Family Scholarship-11463- Application
h) Construction Management or Construction Engineering Scholarship-11505- Application
i) Scholarship Endowment Fund-20108- Application
j) Endowed Scholarship-20280- Application
k) Agricultural Leadership Fund-20298- Application
l) Construction Management and Engineering Endowment-20312- Application
m) Plant Sciences Scholarship Endowment-20346- Application
n) Pharmacy Scholarship-20351- Application
o) Scholarship Endowment-20454- Application
p) Family Scholarship-20478- Application
q) Family Scholarship Endowment-20546- Application
r) Scholarship Endowment-20552- Application
s) Engineering Scholarship Endowment-20611- Application
t) Health Professions Scholarship Endowment-20612- Application
u) Animal Sciences Scholarship-20647- Application
v) (71 & 74) Civil Engineering Memorial Scholarship-20660- Application
w) CHA Endowment-20677- Application
x) Family Scholarship Endowment-20713- Application
y) Business Scholarship-20720- Application
z) Family Scholarship Endowment for Risk and Trade-20727- Application
aa) Endowed Scholarship-20750- Application
bb) Endowed Scholarship-20774- Application
c) Endowed Scholarship-20784- Application
d) Award for University Leadership-20797- Application
e) Scholarship Endowment-20830- Application
f) Endowed Nursing Scholarship-20838- Application
g) Trust Endowment-20840- Application
h) HDFS Scholarship-20851- Application
i) Family Endowment-20879- Application
j) Agronomy Scholarship-20882- Application
k) Endowed Scholarship-20932- Application
l) IME Scholarship-20945- Application
mm) Family Scholarship Endowment-20949- Application
nn) Family Endowed Scholarship-20950- Application
oo) Family Scholarship-20953- Application
pp) Family Legacy Endowment Scholarship-20967- Application
qq) Scholarship Endowment-20970- Application
rr) Agricultural Engineering Scholarship Endowment-20971- Application
ss) Memorial Scholarship Endowment-20973- Application
t) Family Agriculture Scholarship Endowment-20974- Application
uu) Family Music Scholarship Endowment-20975- Application
vv) Agriculture Scholarship Endowment-20976- Application
ww) Mechanical Engineering Scholarship-20977- Application
xx) Student Retention Endowment-20978 -Application
yy) Endowed Engineering Scholarship-20979- Application
zz) Family Endowed Scholarship for Entrepreneurship in STEM-20980- Application
aaa) Family Scholarship Endowment-20981- Application
bbb) Performing Arts Scholarship Endowment-20982- Application
ccc) HNES Scholarship Endowment-20983- Application
ddd) Scholarship Endowment-20984- Application
eee) Entrepreneurship Scholarship-20990- Application
fff) Memorial Scholarship – 25785- Application
ggg) Scholarship-26014- Application
hhh) Civil Engineering Scholarship-26232- Application
iii) Memorial Accounting Scholarship-26280- Application
jjj) Scholarship-26518- Application
kkk) Family IME Fellowship-30512- Application
lll) Endowment Fund-40140-Application

Martinson moved, Burgum seconded, to approve NDSU application request, items 11(d and lll).

O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

12. NDSU SBARE State Request: $205,000
   a) Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives-40017-SCOPE
   b) Center for Risk and Trade Endowment Fund-40139-SCOPE
   c) Livestock Evaluation Faculty Fund-40265-SCOPE
   d) Endowed Potato Breeder Professorship-44007-SCOPE

Volk moved, Spellhaug seconded, to approve NDSU SBARE State Scope request, items 12(a - d).

Burgum, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug and Beehler voted yes.

e) Quentin Burdick Center for Cooperatives-40017-Application
f) Center for Risk and Trade Endowment Fund-40139-Application
g) Endowed Potato Breeder Professorship-44007-Application

Black moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve NDSU SBARE application request, items 11(e and g).

O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

13. UND State Request: $1,733,686
   a) Summary of Applications (UND, UND School of Law, and UND SMHS)- Informational only
   b) Scholarship Endowment-College of Engineering and Mines (07/01/2023)-Application
   c) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration (07/01/2023) -Application
   d) Scholarship Endowment-UND Greek Life Students (07/01/2023) -Application
   e) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration (07/05/2023) -Application
   f) Faculty Endowment-College of Engineering Mines (07/06/2023)-SCOPE
   g) Faculty Endowment-College of Engineering and Mines (07/06/2023) -Application
   h) Scholarship Endowment-John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences (07/07/2023) -Application
   i) Scholarship Endowment-John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences (07/07/2023)-2-Application
   j) Scholarship Endowment-College of Education and Human Development (07/07/2023) -Application
   k) Scholarship Endowment-College of Engineering and Mines (07/07/2023) -Application
Burgum moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve UND scope request, items 13f, 13n, and 13s.

O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

Burgum moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve UND application request, items 13(b – e, g – m, o – r, and t - hh).

Burgum, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, O’Brien, Black, Spelhaug, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

14. **UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences (UND SMHS): $300,970**

   a) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (07/06/2023)-Application
   b) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (07/06/2023)-2-Application
   c) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (07/10/2023)-Application
   d) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (08/02/2023)-Application
   e) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (08/04/2023)-Application
   f) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (08/18/2023)-Application
   g) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (09/11/2023)-Application
   h) Scholarship Endowment-UND SMHS (09/14/2023)-Application

Martinson moved, Black seconded, to approve UND School of Medicine and Health Science application request, items 14(a – h).

Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, O’Brien, Martinson, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

15. **UND School of Law: $77,500**
Volk moved, Martinson seconded, to approve UND School of Law application request, items 15(a – c).

O’Brien, Martinson, Black, Spelhaug, Burgum, Volk, Sorvaag, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

16. **WSC State Request: $30,000**
   a) Summary of Applications-For Information Only
   b) Endowed Scholarships-Application

   Black moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve WSC application request, item 16b.

   Spelhaug, Burgum, Volk, Sorvaag, O’Brien, Martinson, Black, Krebsbach, and Beehler voted yes.

**Other Committee Business**
17. Semi-Annual Report June 30, 2023, was provided by Ms. Sturn.
18. Future Meeting Dates: To be determined.
19. Open Discussion -

Volk moved, Black seconded, to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. CT.

Approved December 4, 2023.