North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024

The State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee met via Teams on Wednesday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. CT.

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee members
☒ Mr. Kevin Black, Chair ☒ Mr. Jeffry Volk
☒ Ms. Danita Bye ☒ Mr. Tim Mihalick
☒ Mr. Curtis Biller ☒ Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor

Institution Presidents/Representatives
BSC President Jensen, Ms. Sonja Kolbe, DCB Dean Simone, DSU President Easton, Mr. Leslie Wietstock, LRSC Ms. Brandi Nelson, MaSU President Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, MISO President Shirley, Krista Lambrecht, NDSCS Mr. Keith Johnson, NDSU Mr. Bruce Bollinger, UND Ms. Odella Fuqua, Ms. Karla Stewart, VCSU Ms. Erica Buchholz, WSC President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests
NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, VC David Krebsbach, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Dr. Jen Weber, VC Darin King, VC Jerry Rostad, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Jane Grinde, Mr. Chris Pieske, Mr. Rick Tonder, Ms. Dina Cashman, AG Ms. Meredith Larson.

Committee Chair Black called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT.

1. Agenda and Consent Agenda (items 4 – 12)
   Bye moved, Biller seconded, to approve the agenda and consent agenda, as presented.

   Mihalick, Biller, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

2. Meeting Minutes April 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes
   Mihalick moved, Biller seconded, to approve the April 10, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

   Bye, Volk, Mihalick, Biller, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

3. Institution Finance Staff Reports and Presentations
   a. DSU by Mr. Les Wietstock, Chief Operating Officer.
   b. MaSU by Ms. Amber Hill, VP for Business Affairs.

   Consent Agenda (4 – 12)

4. UND EERC Bond
5. UND Health Facility/Sports Med Renovation
6. UND Starcher Hall Renovation
7. UND STEM Construction Phase 1
8. UND Renaming of Chester Fritz Auditorium
9. BSC Bismarck Community Bowl Naming Rights Agreement.
10. WSC Dining Services rate request
11. Policy 830.1 Student Payment
12. Policy 703.2 Benefits

Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion Cont.

13. Legislative Priorities:
      Mr. Rick Tonder presented an overview of the capital projects process. He provided a detailed explanation of the funding source and legislative intent for capital projects. The projects were ranked based on deferred maintenance and each project has dollars/funding listed for them.

      The committee discussed the capital project requests and legislative priorities from the budget and finance perspective. Committee Chair Black has called for a special BFC meeting to review the capital projects in detail. He noted that the meeting will select the criteria by which the projects will be ranked in order and forwarded as recommendations to the full Board.

   b. Funding Formula Ad Hoc Committee recommendations.
      i. Rate averaging.
      ii. Change to NDCC 15-18.2-03 to remove negative impact to credit production growth at institutions.
      iii. Discipline cluster adjustments.
      iv. Pension plan liability.
      v. Inflationary increases.

   c. Scholarships for high demand disciplines.

   d. Innovation Grants.

   e. Incentive packages to align private sector partners who invest in programs or commit to hiring graduates.

   f. Deferred Maintenance legislative study
      The committee underscored the importance of addressing deferred maintenance issues and aligning capital investments with the legislators and Governor’s priorities.

The committee members noted the following items need to remain as Board priorities as the system prepares for legislative session:

- Workforce needs in North Dakota/Educated workforce/additional grants.
- Some college - no degree/credential initiative.
- Funds for marketing target areas.
- Clear enrollment targets.
- Rightsizing for efficiency and effectiveness.
- Dual credit and non-dual credit.
- Implementation and optimization of financial KPIs.
• Special capital projects/new construction projects.

Committee members agreed that there will need to be strategies in place to drive optimization but continue to grow the workforce that will require resources.

14. Chancellor and President goals
   a. Enrollment Growth Targets with Non-dual credit caveat
   b. Implementation and optimization of financial KPIs (unit cost modeling)

Committee Chair Black closed with the Chancellor and Presidential goals will be discussed by the Board in June. He recommended they include clear, measurable enrollment targets, including non-dual credit growth and implementation and optimization of financial KPIs.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. CT.

Approved June 12, 2024.