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North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund
June 7, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Friday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. CST., via a hybrid meeting option: Microsoft Teams/face-to-face in the Governors' Conference room at the Bismarck Capitol Building.

Mr. Jace Beehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CT.

1) **Roll Call**

Committee Members present:

Chair, Jace Beehler
Senator Ronald Sorvaag
Representative Mr. Bob Martinson
Representative Ms. Emily O'Brien
Mr. Jeffrey Volk
Mr. Kevin Black
Mr. Rick Burgum
Ms. Taya Spelhaug

Institutions and Institution Foundation representatives:

BSC: Ms. Kari Knudson
DCB: MiSU President Shirley, Dean Carmen Simone, Ms. Leslie Stevens
DSU: Mr. Ty Orton
LRSC: Ms. Erin Wood
MaSU: President Van Horn, Mr. Lon Jorgensen
MiSU: President Shirley
NDSCS: Ms. Kim Nelson
NDSU: Mr. John Glover, Ms. Jennifer Reinhold, Mr. Isaac Erickson
UND: Mr. Mike Mannausau
VCSU: Mr. Cory Anderson
WSC: Ms. Hunter Berg

North Dakota University System Office and Guests:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott
Ms. Mindy Sturn
Mr. David Krebsbach
Mr. Jerry Rostad
Ms. Jamie Wilke
Mr. Mark Gorenflo

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Approved by consensus.

3) **Approval of March 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Sorvaag moved, Burgum seconded, to approve the minutes, as presented.

Approved by consensus.

4) **2023-25 Current Challenge Grant Fund Balances**

Ms. Sturn provided an update on the current fund balances for the 2023-25 biennium; the committee had no concerns.

Regular Scope & Funding Application Requests:

5) UND SMHS State Request: \$633,530

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Endowed Faculty-41163-Biomedical Science-SCOPE
- c) Endowed Faculty-44437-General-SCOPE
- d) Scholarship Endowment-45401-INMED-Application
- e) Endowed Faculty-41163-Biomedical Science-Application
- f) Scholarship Endowment-41166-Radiology-Application
- g) Scholarship Endowment-41189-General-Application
- h) Scholarship Endowment-41186-General-Application
- i) Endowed Faculty-44437-General-Application
- j) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Black moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve UND's scope request, item 5b-c, as presented.

Sorvaag, Martinson, O'Brien, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Martinson moved, Burgum seconded, to approve UND's requests, items 5d - j, as presented.

Sorvaag, Martinson, O'Brien, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

6) NDSCS State Request: \$237,780

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Butler/Caterpillar Machinery Scholarship-SCOPE
- c) Butler/Caterpillar Machinery Scholarship-Application
- d) JD Link Memorial Endowment-Application (Pledge request for 10 years)
 - (i) No concerns were expressed, and committee members approved the 10-year pledge request for the JD Link Memorial Endowment.
- e) Buckhouse Family Endowment Scholarship-Application
- f) CBoys Life Wide Open Endowment-Application
- g) Endowment Scholarships-Application
- h) Julie & Jerry Schock Endowment-Application
- i) NDSCS Annual Scholarships-Application
- j) Keith A Miller Endowment-Application
- k) RN Nursing Expansion Project-Application
- l) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Burgum moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve NDSCS's scope request, item 6b, as presented.

Martinson, O'Brien, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Burgum moved, Spelhaug seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests, items 6c - l, as presented.

O'Brien, Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, Martinson, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

7) MiSU State Request: \$234,813

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Scholarship Endowment-17-Application
- c) Scholarship Endowment 18- Application
- d) Scholarship Endowment 19- Application
- e) Scholarship Endowment 20- Application
- f) Academic Scholarship Campaign- Application

- g) Looyenga Leadership Center-Application
- h) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Martinson moved, Black seconded, to approve MiSU's requests, items 7b - h, as presented.

Volk, Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

8) MaSU State Request: \$11,698

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Annual Scholarship for Academic Excellence Campaign-Application
- c) Fund Application Support

Sorvaag moved, Volk seconded, to approve MaSU's requests, items 8b - c, as presented.

Black, Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

9) BSC State Request: \$72,551

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) BSC Foundation Endowed Scholarships-Application
- c) Fund Application Support

Burgum moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve BSC's requests, items 9b - c, as presented.

Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Black and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Other Committee Business:

10) Pooled Funding Discussion - NDUS Staff

- a) Ms. Sturn presented the feedback that was received from campus foundation offices regarding pooled funding distribution. Ms. Sturn shared that the majority of campuses voted on Option 1 – Equal Distribution.
 - (1) Ms. Wilke provided further clarification to committee members on Option 1.
 - (i) Option 1 Equal Distribution – if there is funding remaining in any of the three pools, campuses that are left may claim money from that pool that would be equally distributed.

Burgum moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve Pooled Funding Option 1 Equal Distribution.

Burgum, Spelhaug, Sorvaag, O'Brien, Martinson, Volk, Black and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 8-0.

11) Future Meeting Date Options: September 2024

a) The September meeting will be scheduled for the end of September.

12) Open Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m. CT.