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North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund  
October 2, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. CST., via a hybrid meeting option: Microsoft Teams/face-to-face in the Bismarck State College, National Energy Center of Excellence, Room 335.

Committee Chair Jace Beehler called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. CT.

1) **Roll Call**

Committee Members present:

Chair, Jace Beehler  
Senator Ronald Sorvaag  
Senator Karen Krebsbach  
Mr. Jeffry Volk  
Mr. Kevin Black

Institutions and Institution Foundation representatives:

BSC: Ms. Kari Knudson  
DCB: Dean Carmen Simone, Ms. Leslie Stevens  
DSU: Mr. Kyle Smith  
LRSC: President Darling, Ms. Ashlee Collison, Ms. Erin Wood  
MaSU: Mr. Lon Jorgensen  
MiSU: President Shirley, Mr. Rick Hedberg  
NDSCS: Ms. Kim Nelson  
NDSU: Mr. John Glover  
UND: Ms. DeAnna Carlson Zink  
VCSU: Mr. Cory Anderson  
WSC: Ms. Hunter Berg

North Dakota University System Office and Guests:

Chancellor Mark Hagerott  
Ms. Jamie Wilke  
Mr. David Krebsbach  
Mr. Mark Gorenflo

2) **Approval of Agenda**

Sorvaag moved, Volk seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Approved by consensus.

3) **Approval of June 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Black moved, Volk seconded, to approve the minutes, as presented.

Approved by consensus.

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

Ms. Jamie Wilke provided an update on the 2023-25 current Challenge Grant Fund balances. Ms. Wilke shared that after reviewing the 5 applications today in the amount of \$547,597, there will be \$18.5 million that has been awarded and approximately \$1.5 million left. The deadline for institutions to get the matching donation amounts is December 31, 2024. The committee had no questions or concerns.

Regular Scope & Funding Application Requests:

5) DCB State Request: \$247,428

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) DCB Foundation Endowment for Scholarship-Application
- c) Carbonneau Estate Gift Scholarship-Application
- d) Carbonneau Estate Gift Scholarship for Nursing Students-Application
- e) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Volk moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve DCB's requests, item 5b-e, as presented.

Volk, Black, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

6) LRSC State Request: \$27,810

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Endowments for Scholarships-Application
- c) Fund Application Support

Sorvaag moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve LRSC's requests, item 6b-c, as presented.

Volk, Black, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

7) MiSU State Request: \$92,028

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Scholarship Endowment-21-Application
- c) Academic Scholarship Campaign-Application
- d) Classroom Enhancement-Application
- e) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Volk moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve MiSU's requests, items 7b - e, as presented.

Volk, Black, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

8) NDSCS State Request: \$91,085

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) Endowment Scholarships-Application
- c) JDP Endowment-Application
- d) Timothy Klontz Academic Endowment Scholarship-Application
- e) Ray McFarland and Karen Flannery McFarland Endowment-Application
- f) Fund Application Support-All Fund Applications

Black moved, Sorvaag seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests, items 8b - f, as presented.

Black, Krebsbach, Sorvaag, Volk, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

9) VCSU State Request: \$89,246

- a) Summary of Applications-Informational only
- b) VCSU Academic Scholarship Program-Application
- c) Fund Application Support-Academic Scholarship Program
- d) VCSU-Endowed Scholarship Program-Application
- e) Fund Application Support-Endowed Scholarship Program

Volk moved, Krebsbach seconded, to approve VCSU's requests, items 9b - e, as presented.

Krebsbach, Sorvaag, Volk, Black, and Committee Chair Beehler. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Other Committee Business:

10) June 30, 2024, ND HE Challenge Grant Semi-Annual Report

- a) Ms. Jamie Wilke provided an overview of the June 30, 2024, ND HE Challenge Grant Semi-Annual Report. Ms. Wilke shared that since December 31, 2023, excluding the current biennium activity, an additional \$1.1 million in private donations has been collected by campus foundations. Additionally, \$660,000 has been expended.
- b) Ms. Wilke shared overall the Challenge Grant has invested \$279.2 million between state and private donations. \$188.2 million in private donations has been generated based off of the \$90.9 million in state funding.

11) Open Discussion

- a) Ms. Jamie Wilke shared that the next meeting will occur in mid to late January 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. CST.

Approved February 20, 2025.