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November 18, 2021, Committee Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Fund Committee met on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. CST., via a hybrid meeting option of face-to-face and Microsoft Teams.

- LT. Governor Sanford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. CT.
 - 1. Roll Call
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 Representative Martinson
 Representative Schmidt
 Mr. Rick Burgum
 Dr. Jill Louters
 Mr. Jeffry Volk

4. Attorney General Opinion on SB2030

Mr. Eric Olson, AG Assistant Attorney provided a summary of the opinion that was issued a couple weeks ago by the Attorney General's office regarding Senate Bill 2030. He explained that the restriction(s) regarding the institutions applying for matching funds pursuant to the challenge grant. If any person or organization performs or promotes the performance of an abortion, unless the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of the woman. It further restricts institutions from participating or sponsoring any program, producing, distributing, publishing, disseminating, endorsing, and/or approving materials of any type from any organization that does not give preference, encouragement, and support to normal childbirth.

After legislation passed SB2030, Chancellor Hagerott requested an opinion from the Attorney General's office on clarification regarding the application and enforceability of Senate Bill 2030.

Mr. Olson explained that as a general matter, it is permissible for the legislature to place conditions on awarded funds; but the condition(s) must be constitutional. Mr. Olson has provided the institutions guidance on how to proceed.

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- q) Scholarship Endowment-College of Arts and Sciences-2-Application
- r) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-1-Application
- s) Scholarship Endowment-College of Arts & Sciences-3
- t) Scholarship Endowment-Nistler College of Business and Public Administration-2-Application

Burgum moved, Heckaman seconded, to approve UND's requests, as proposed.

Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Volk, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

8. NDSCS

- a) Opportunity for Tools Grant Project-Scope
- b) Nursing Expansion Project-Scope
- c) Roger & Donna Hentges Endowed Scholarship-Application
- d) Sondra K Vick Endowment-Application
- e) Bjerke Family Farm Endowment-Application
- f) Precision Machining Technology Recruitment Scholarship-Application
- g) Foundation Endowment Scholarships-Application

Martinson moved, Burgum seconded, to approve NDSCS's requests, as proposed.

Burgum, Heckaman, Krebsbach, Volk, Louters, and Lieutenant Governor Sanford voted yes.

9. MiSU

- a) Summary of Applications
- b) Endowment-1 (Music)-Scope
- c) Endowment-1 (Music)-Application
- d) Endowment-2 (NDCPD)-

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