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- a. Mr. Bruce Bollinger presented NDSU’s Tier II/III Capital Building Fund request. Mr. Bollinger shared that NDSU has met the funding match requirements.

Biller moved, Volk seconded, to recommend approval of NDSU’s 2023-25 Tier II/III Capital Building fund request as presented.

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

2. Optional Operating Budget

- a. VC. David Krebsbach presented the Systemwide Projects/Initiatives requests to committee members.
  - i. Nursing Education Consortium (ENVISION critical) – the 2023-25 base budget is \$1,356,000 and requesting a \$2,049,000 increase. This program provides

simulator funding for 13 nursing programs across the state. The requested funds would be applied to simulation equipment and operations.

- ii. SIM-ND Mobile simulation program (ENVISION critical) - requesting \$2,000,000 to provide direct support across the state and to healthcare providers.
- iii. Dakota Humanities Academy (ENVISION important) - requesting \$50,000 to support a new version of the DDA for Humanities across the NDUS.
- iv. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (ENVISION important) - requesting \$3,000,000. VC. Darin King shared the request is broken into two pieces - \$2,000,000 for operational uses of AI to help efficiencies for campuses and \$1,000,000 to provide staff to provide services to campuses using existing AI and ML tools.
- v. Planned Obsolescence of Technical Infrastructure – Core IT Infrastructure (ENVISION) - requesting \$2,600,000.
- vi. Technical Workforce Development (ENVISION) - requesting \$3,000,000.
- vii. High Performance Computing NTN-UND/NDSU (ENVISION) - the 2023-25 base budget is \$5,000,000; requesting a \$8,000,000 increase (\$4,000,000 to both NDSU and UND).
- viii.



is removed; funds will be needed for the additional State Grant eligible students.

Mihalick moved, Bye seconded, to recommend approval of all NDUSO System Governance and NDUSO Student Grants requests.

Bye moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve Step 1 that includes the three legislatively intended projects for UND, MiSU, and MaSU as presented. Mihalick, Biller, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Volk moved, Biller seconded, to endorse Step 2 that would recommend approval to increase MiSU's Nursing Expansion funding request to \$13 million. Mihalick, Biller, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

VC Krebsbach commented to the committee that North Dakota Century Code requires a 5% contribution towards the capital projects for all institutions with the exception of NDSU and UND which are at a higher contribution percentage.

Volk moved, Bye seconded, to endorse step 3 with the exception of moving the other funds for LRSC and MaSU to general fund, so the total request is general funds for each. Also, there is no match required for the demolition projects at DSU and DCB. Mihalick, Biller, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Volk moved, Biller seconded, to recommend approval of the non-general fund capital projects for NDSU, DSU, and MiSU. Mihalick, Biller, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 5 - 0.

- d. Member Volk recommended that committee members look at Step 4 and start talking in the future and have a plan together by the time session starts so that it's understood what exactly is being requested.
- e. Member Volk discussed concerns regarding Presidents' housing as some presidents are living in apartments. Member Volk would like the committee to start discussing the possibility of purchasing lots near campuses and building homes for those presidents. Committee members agreed that it would be a topic of discussion at upcoming meetings.

Chair Black adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m. CT.

Approved July 17, 2024.