



Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date: **June 11, 2026**

Agenda Item: **4.8**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Fiscal, Facilities, & Audit Committee**

Action Item: **FY27 Distribution of Funds**

Overview – General and Cash Funds

Board Policy 6200 provides for the allocation of operational funds to the State Colleges and the System Office. The proposed Distribution of Funds is included with this item.

Per LB 261 (2025), the general fund appropriation for FY2026-27 is \$77,151,164, of which \$71,971,164 is earmarked for operations and \$5,180,000 is earmarked for student aid. This is an increase of \$2,072,716 (2.76% increase including student aid and 2.97% increase excluding student aid) from the FY2025-2026 general fund base.

The cash fund appropriation is adjusted for tuition and fee rate increases and assumes flat enrollment at each of the Colleges. As with general funds, the cash fund budget of \$48,820,241 is allocated between operations (\$45,844,906) and student aid (\$2,975,335).

Cash Budget Adjustments – Colleges

Chadron and Peru cash fund budgets have been adjusted to right-size their operating budgets to align with current enrollment trends.

Cash Budget Adjustments – System Office

The cash fund appropriation request for the System Office includes an increase of \$467,550 to allow for sufficient spending authority for additional expenditures in FY27.

- Per the Contribution Commitment Agreement with NSWERS, the NSCS will provide \$179,795 in funding in FY27 to NSWERS. This will be funded by the System Office. We continue to pursue expanded state support to fund NSWERS operations.
- In March 2025, the Board approved the use of Sports Facility cash funds for October 2025 through 2029. The project approved for FY27 is \$339,000 for stadium turf replacement at Wayne. Funding is still available for the approved FY26 bleacher sets project at Chadron.

The majority of the System Office cash funds represent system IT software or system technology investments. These items include licensing for the ERP system (SAP), the student information system (NeSIS), student housing system (StarRez), and other security and identity management software. The Colleges contribute based on a predetermined formula to most IT related items, however the bills are paid by the System Office necessitating the appropriation. The Sports Facility Cash Fund is restricted to renovate, construct, or improve facilities for intercollegiate athletics and student fitness, recreation, and sport activities at the Colleges. Project expenses are paid through the System Office. NSCS marketing includes approximately \$155k of funds previously held at the Colleges. It was determined to be more efficient to transfer the marketing funds to the System Office so that

invoices related to system-wide marketing campaigns can be processed timely. The remaining cash funds allow the System Office to carry out administrative operations and provide support to the Colleges as needed.

Revolving Funds

The revolving fund (revenue bond/auxiliary) distribution is based on the FY 2026-2027 preliminary auxiliary operating budgets, which are also on the agenda for Board approval.

Federal Funds

The Federal fund appropriation reflects preliminary projections from the Colleges. Additional adjustments may be made to the Federal funds appropriation as needed by the Colleges during the fiscal year.

The System Office recommends approval of FY Distribution of Funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

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FY27 Distribution of Funds

	CSC	PSC	WSC	SO	TOTAL
<u>General Funds</u>					
FY26 Operations Base	\$23,581,656	\$13,332,863	\$29,888,108	\$3,095,821	\$69,898,448
FY26 Career Scholarship Base	\$1,296,420	\$1,066,054	\$1,637,526	\$0	\$4,000,000
FY26 Grand Island Career Scholarship Base	\$0	\$0	\$580,000	\$0	\$580,000
FY26 RHOP Scholarships	\$180,834	\$61,425	\$357,741		\$600,000
FY26 Total General Fund Base	\$25,058,910	\$14,460,342	\$32,463,375	\$3,095,821	\$75,078,448
<u>FY27 Operating Base Adjustments</u>					
Salary and Related Benefits	\$473,567	\$290,113	\$630,827	\$44,422	\$1,438,929
Health Benefits	\$177,240	\$98,705	\$226,562	\$10,722	\$513,229
Utilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Minimum Wage	\$52,613	\$13,090	\$54,855	\$0	\$120,558
Reallocation	(\$4,476)	(\$2,530)	(\$5,673)	\$12,679	\$0
Total General Fund Operating Adjustments	\$698,944	\$399,378	\$906,571	\$67,823	\$2,072,716
<u>FY27 Student Aid Adjustments</u>					
Grand Island Career Scholarship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RHOP Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total General Fund Student Aid Adjustments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY27 Operations Base	\$24,280,600	\$13,732,241	\$30,794,679	\$3,163,644	\$71,971,164
FY27 Student Aid Base	\$1,477,254	\$1,127,479	\$2,575,267	\$0	\$5,180,000
Total FY27 General Fund Base	\$25,757,854	\$14,859,720	\$33,369,946	\$3,163,644	\$77,151,164
<u>Cash Funds (Authority)</u>					
FY26 Operating Base	\$14,381,614	\$6,797,742	\$23,199,192	\$2,165,950	\$46,544,498
FY26 Revised Operating Base	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Scholarship/Grant Awards (1)	\$725,000	\$524,335	\$1,726,000	\$0	\$2,975,335
FY26 Total Cash Base	\$15,106,614	\$7,322,077	\$24,925,192	\$2,165,950	\$49,519,833
<u>Cash Fund Adjustments</u>					
Tuition Increase	\$332,423	\$196,333	\$601,149	\$0	\$1,129,905
Impact of Fee Rate Changes	\$102,953	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$102,953
Cash Budget Adjustment	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,200,000)	(\$200,000)	\$467,550	(\$1,932,450)
Scholarship/Grant Awards	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Cash Fund Adjustments	(\$564,624)	(\$1,003,667)	\$401,149	\$467,550	(\$699,592)
Total FY27 Cash Funds Operating Base	\$13,816,990	\$5,794,075	\$23,600,341	\$2,633,500	\$45,844,906
Total FY27 Scholarship/Grant Awards Base (1)	\$725,000	\$524,335	\$1,726,000	\$0	\$2,975,335
Total FY27 Cash Funds Base	\$14,541,990	\$6,318,410	\$25,326,341	\$2,633,500	\$48,820,241

FY27 Distribution of Funds

	CSC	PSC	WSC	SO	TOTAL
<u>Federal Funds (Authority)</u>					
FY26 Operating Base	\$2,265,000	\$506,686	\$2,140,000	\$2,553,380	\$7,465,066
Federal Student Aid	\$13,735,000	\$12,313,314	\$21,160,000	\$0	\$47,208,314
FY26 Total Federal Base	\$16,000,000	\$12,820,000	\$23,300,000	\$2,553,380	\$54,673,380
<u>Federal Funds Adjustments</u>					
Operating Base Adjustments	\$0	(\$25,686)	\$0	\$0	(\$25,686)
Student Aid Adjustments	\$0	(\$2,113,314)	\$0	\$0	(\$2,113,314)
ARPA Federal Grants Carryover Adjustment (4)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$2,553,380)	\$ (2,553,380)
Total Federal Fund Adjustments	\$0	(\$2,139,000)	\$0	(\$2,553,380)	(\$4,692,380)
FY27 Operating Base	\$2,265,000	\$481,000	\$2,140,000	\$0	\$4,886,000
FY27 Federal Student Aid	\$13,735,000	\$10,200,000	\$21,160,000	\$0	\$45,095,000
Total FY27 Federal Funds Base (2)	\$16,000,000	\$10,681,000	\$23,300,000	\$0	\$49,981,000
<u>Revolving Funds (Auxiliary System) (Authority)</u>					
FY26 Base	\$5,517,347	\$5,116,342	\$13,065,950	\$0	\$23,699,639
<u>Revolving Fund Adjustments</u>					
Adjustments to Auxiliary Operating Budget	(\$50,562)	\$45,020	\$495,618	\$0	\$490,076
Total FY27 Revolving Funds Base (3)	\$5,466,785	\$5,161,362	\$13,561,568	\$0	\$24,189,715
<u>Distribution of Funds</u>					
General Funds	\$25,757,854	\$14,859,720	\$33,369,946	\$3,163,644	\$77,151,164
Cash Funds	\$14,541,990	\$6,318,410	\$25,326,341	\$2,633,500	\$48,820,241
Federal Funds (est.)	\$16,000,000	\$10,681,000	\$23,300,000	\$0	\$49,981,000
Revolving Funds (est.)	\$5,466,785	\$5,161,362	\$13,561,568	\$0	\$24,189,715
FY27 All Funds Total	\$61,766,629	\$37,020,492	\$95,557,855	\$5,797,144	\$200,142,120

Notes:

- (1) Includes awards from state agencies such as Nebraska Opportunities Grant (NOG), Access College Early (ACE), and Attracting Excellence in Teaching (AET) added by the colleges throughout the year as awards are determined.
- (2) Federal Funds are estimates based on initial projections by the colleges. Adjustments are made as needed by the colleges.
- (3) Revolving Funds are based on the FY27 Auxiliary budgets, which includes debt service and food service contract payments.
- (4) The CSFRF \$6.0M in funding for water and sewer projects was put in the System Office budget in FY23. All funds have been expended.