1. **Issue:** NDSU seeks authorization to raise funds for construction of the seed cleaning facility at Carrington. The board has previously authorized construction in May 2016 which allowed for work to proceed to the extent of available appropriated funds. Although the legislature has approved the use of other funds, the SBHE must still approve fund raising efforts.

2. **Proposed motion:** Authorize NDSU to proceed with a fundraising campaign through the NDSU Foundation and Alumni Association for an amount up to $650,000 for equipment and ancillary systems for a seed cleaning facility at the Carrington REC in Carrington, ND. Total project authorization is $750,000 General Fund and $1,500,000 Other Funds.

3. **Background:** NDSU has obtained authorization to begin construction of the CREC, and has ordered seed cleaning equipment with the available $750,000 GF appropriation. With no additional general fund appropriations made available this session, the AES would like to begin fund raising efforts.

4. **Financial implications:** Completing the project will hinge on successful fund raising efforts.

5. **Academic implications:** None

6. **Legal/policy issues:** None

7. **Review Process:** Reviewed by Tonder

8. **Enclosures:** (agenda item and related material)

9. **Contact person:** Bruce Bollinger, VP for Finance and Administration

10. **Chancellor’s Recommendation:** Chancellor recommends approval.