

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Technology and Telecommunications Council

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The Technology and Telecommunications Council is created to provide a vehicle for conducting system and institutional dialogue on the plans and applications of technologies in the system. The Council shall be responsible for providing advice to other councils on matters that involve the applications of various telecommunications technologies. The Council shall be the primary means for interfacing individual institutional technology plans and applications with other institutions in the system. A major responsibility of the Council shall be to insure that technology applications within the system are compatible and appropriate for internal functional applications, give oversight to inter-institutional applications, and confirm the interconnectivity of South Dakota higher education with appropriate external agencies and entities in the state, regionally and nationally.

The Technology and Telecommunications Council shall consist of the president's designated appointees representing each of the institutions of higher education under the Board's control. The designees shall be senior level staff members who can serve as the campus spokesperson on matters related to technology in support of academic, administrative, distance education, and research needs. The Council shall be chaired by the Director of Regents Information Systems as a non-voting member. The superintendents may elect to assign a person to participate in the Council.

The Technology and Telecommunications Council shall, at the request of the Board, the Executive Director, or the Council of Presidents and Superintendents, review existing or proposed uses of technology and policies, and make recommendations to the Board through the Council of Presidents and Superintendents.

The Technology and Telecommunications Council shall create, maintain and update a statewide plan for the uses of technology including the cooperative sharing of campus instructional technology, off-campus educational delivery systems, communication networks, information systems, and linkages to regional and national information systems. The Council shall provide leadership in maintaining the system's investment in technology infrastructure, equipment, personnel and curriculum assets.

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