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Regents Approve Transfer Agreement with Southeast Tech

PIERRE, S.D. – In the first formal step toward reaching agreement on course transfers between the state’s public universities and Southeast Technical Institute (SETI) in Sioux Falls, the South Dakota Board of Regents today approved an agreement to simplify the transfer process for many Southeast Tech students and create more postsecondary education options for them.

Other transfer agreements already have been reached between the regents and technical institutes at Watertown, Rapid City, and Mitchell. Acknowledging that some of the issues involving the Sioux Falls school were more difficult to resolve, Regents President Harvey C. Jewett said the agreement now must be ratified by the Sioux Falls School Board, which operates SETI. “We look forward to moving ahead with this agreement once the school board and state Board of Education approve it,” Jewett said.

The SETI agreement, similar to those reached with the other tech schools, provides for the transfer of certain coursework taken in technical programs to specific majors at the public universities. The agreement also sets out a process for the teaching of college-transfer general education courses students take at SETI.

“We believe this historic agreement will settle ongoing issues between the two systems over curriculum delivery,” said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. “We look forward to a collaborative relationship with Southeast Tech, as we currently enjoy with the three other technical schools, based on respecting our unique institutional missions and eliminating unwarranted course duplication.”

Under the agreement, the respective missions of each institution are more precisely defined and maintained. Local governance of the technical institutes—including educational, financial, supervisory, and management control—is specifically reaffirmed under the pact. Southeast Tech will continue to offer associate of applied science (AAS) degrees in technical fields.