ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – A

DATE: April 22, 2020

SUBJECT
New Prefix Request – SDSMT & USD

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY
AAC Guideline 1.10 – New Prefix Request
AAC Guideline 1.10.A – Approved Course Prefix List

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION
All courses offered within the Regental system, whether experimental, unique, or common, must use an approved prefix. However, a course prefix need not reflect the name of the department offering the course.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION
The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has submitted a request for authority to create the following new prefix.

- **BMIT**: Business Management in Technology
  Justification: The new prefix is required for a new academic program at South Dakota Mines – BS in Business Management in Technology. The new program was approved in May 2019 by the BOR and the new courses must be added to the program curriculum.

The University of South Dakota has submitted a request for authority to create the following new prefix.

- **LEGL**: Legal
  Justification: With the proposed creation of major and minor programs in Legal Studies, a unique prefix will help establish and identify the core courses in these programs. Although these programs are interdisciplinary in nature, and draw from existing courses across multiple prefixes, several unique and cross-listed courses will be required to meet the learning outcomes for graduates.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment I – New Prefix Request Form: SDSMT – BMIT
Attachment II – New Prefix Request Form: USD – LEGL

DRAFT MOTION
Approve SDSMT and USD’s requests to create and utilize the new prefix BMIT (Business Management in Technology) and LEGL (Legal).
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS  
New Prefix Request

Use this form to request a new prefix not currently in use within the system. Consult the Approved Course Prefix List in AAC Guidelines for information about existing courses and prefixes.

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1. What is the proposed prefix?  
   BMIT

2. Has the university consulted the existing list of approved prefixes in the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) guidelines to determine if the proposed prefix is in use?  
   ☒ Yes  ☐ No

3. Do the courses associated with the new prefix represent a discipline/program offered by more than one Regental institution?  
   ☒ Yes  ☐ No

   If yes, have the other institutions reviewed this request (explain below)?
   The other universities will review this request at a future AAC meeting.

4. Courses in the new prefix
   4.1. How many courses are proposed for the new prefix?  
        6
   4.2. How many of the proposed new courses are in the x9x series?  
        0

5. Provide a brief rationale for the new prefix below:
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