

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – D (1)

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT

New Undergraduate Certificate: DSU Online Teaching and Learning

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Dakota State University (DSU) requests authorization to offer an undergraduate certificate in Online Teaching & Learning on campus and online.

The purpose of this certificate is to allow those who possess it to demonstrate mastery of principles of online instruction that will engage learners through effective instructional design and innovative instructional strategies. This certificate can be completed by current education majors, increasing their knowledge and skills demonstrated by the K-12 Educational Technology endorsement. Current majors have part of the classes in the certificate in their program; the remainder could be part of their elective credits. This certificate will also serve the purpose of offering training to K-12 teachers who want to increase their technology and pedagogy skills to carry out online instruction effectively.

Any education major could seek this certificate, but the primary audience will be K-12 teachers, administrators, and those who provide online training in the corporate world.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

DSU requests no new resources.

Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – New Certificate Request Form: DSU – Online Teaching & Learning

DRAFT MOTION

Authorize DSU to offer an undergraduate certificate in Online Teaching & Learning, as presented.