

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – C**

**DATE: October 6, 2020**

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**SUBJECT**

**Program Review Report – SDSU**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[AAC Guideline 4.2](#) – Institutional Program Review Guidelines

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The system has established a process requiring periodic reviews of all programs offered. A primary purpose for these reviews is to continuously improve the quality of all educational programs. Periodic program review involves stakeholders in an analysis of past performance which is used to inform present and future directions and decision-making. The review process is integrated with strategic planning and budgeting, with regional and specialized accreditation processes, and with student-learning outcome assessment. The system’s processes require each campus to maintain a schedule that indicates the time frame for the review of every program offered.

For each review, representatives of the program completed a self-study driven either by the system’s guidelines or by those of an external accrediting body, if applicable. An external review was engaged to evaluate the program using both the self-study and interviews of constituents. In each case the reviewer prepares a report of findings and the campus then prepares a response.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

For each program reviewed, the report (and any additional documentation as applicable) is linked below. These are also available on AAC’s [Institutional Program Reports](#) webpage.

South Dakota State University

- [English B.A.s and M.A.s; English and Professional Writing Minors; Composition Program](#)

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

This report will be brought before the Board during the June 2021 meeting.