

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL REFERENCE DOCUMENT
South Dakota Board of Regents Meeting
May 21, 2020
Teleconference

ACTION REFERENCE SUMMARY

The South Dakota Board of Regents met on May 21, 2020, by teleconference. Below is a brief summary of the actions taken by the Board concerning items brought forward by the System Academic Affairs Office and the Academic Affairs Council. This document does NOT in any way take the place of the official BOR meeting minutes. Should any of the information presented in this document conflict with what is presented in the official minutes, the official minutes will be the prevalent document. Once they become available, the full official minutes of the BOR meeting are posted to the SDBOR website at the link below.

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REPORT AND ACTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board approved the following academic related matters discussed in executive session:

- 2-A(2) – Approve the promotion and tenure requests of the universities:
 - *The BHSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: David Berberick was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Justin Ramsey was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Craig Triplett was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Amy Asunskis was promoted to Lecturer; Karl Lehman was promoted to Lecturer; Sharman Adams was promoted to Professor; Cynthia Anderson was promoted to Professor; Adam Bailey was promoted to Professor; Sandra Marker was promoted to Professor; and Sonya Pagel was promoted to Professor.*
 - *The DSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: David Bishop was granted tenure; Joe Bottum was granted tenure; Scott Klungseth was promoted to Associate Professor; and Barbara Myers was promoted to Senior Lecturer.*
 - *The NSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Andrew Russell was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; and Timothy Houge was promoted to Professor.*
 - *The SDSMT promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Jonathan Gibson was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure;*

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- Juergen Reichenbacher was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Christopher Shearer was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Tristin Lehmann was promoted to Lecturer; and Richard Schnee was promoted to Professor.*
- *The SDSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Todd Letcher was granted tenure; Andrea Bjornestad was granted tenure; Mark Messerli was granted tenure; Melanie Caffé was granted tenure; Sunish Kumar Sehgal was granted tenure; Crystal Levesque was granted tenure; Angela Pillatzki was granted tenure; Febina Mathew was granted tenure; Joy Scaria was granted tenure; Lisa Elliott was granted tenure; Matthew Elliott was granted tenure; Craig Silvernagel was granted tenure; Jacob Wallace was granted tenure; Federico Garcia Lammers was granted tenure; Siddharth Suryanarayanan was granted tenure; Rajesh Kavasseri was granted tenure; Douglas Raynie was granted tenure; Stephen Gent was promoted to Professor; Jessica Meendering Wanlong Li was promoted to Professor; Adam Hoppe was promoted to Professor; Matthew Miller was promoted to Professor; Pat Crawford was promoted to Professor; Kristi Cammack was promoted to Professor; ZhengRong Gu was promoted to Professor; Madhav Nepal was promoted to Professor; Rebecca Bott was promoted to Professor; Senthil Subramanian was promoted to Professor; Jixiang Wu was promoted to Professor; Karla Hunter was promoted to Professor; Aaron Ragsdale was promoted to Professor; Zhiguang Wang was promoted to Professor; and Wenfeng An was promoted to Professor and granted tenure.*
 - *The USD promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Timmi Johnson was promoted to Associate Librarian; Santosh KC was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Jing Liu was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Sara Lowmaster was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; David Posthumus was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Carole South-Winter was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Thomas Tiahr was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Jing Williams was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Scott Breuninger was promoted to Professor; Angela Helmer was promoted to Professor; Jacob Kerby was promoted to Professor; Jessica Messersmith was promoted to Professor; Tracelyn Gesteland was promoted to Professor; Myanna Dellinger was promoted to Professor; Peter Kindle was promoted to Professor; Wendy Hess was promoted to Professor and granted tenure; Emily Smith was promoted to Professor; and Carol Cook Geu was promoted to Professor.*
 - *The USD – Health Affairs/School of Medicine promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Daniel Bird was promoted to Associate Professor; Yifan Li was promoted to Professor; Wade Nilson was promoted to Professor; Tim Ridgway was promoted to Professor; Hongmin Wang was promoted to Professor; Roxana Lupu was promoted to Associate Professor; Matt Barker was promoted to Professor; and Eric Larson was promoted to Professor.*
 - *The promotion and/or tenure requests were denied for the following faculty members: BHSU 1 was denied promotion to Associate Professor and denied tenure; DSU 2 was denied promotion to Associate Professor; DSU 4 was denied tenure; DSU 5 was denied*

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promotion to Professor; NSU 2 was denied tenure; NSU 3 was denied promotion to Professor; SDSMT 1 was denied promotion to Associate Professor and denied tenure; SDSMT 2 was denied promotion to Associate Professor and denied tenure; SDSMT 7 was denied promotion to Professor; SDSU 1 was denied tenure; SDSU 2 was denied tenure; SDSU 3 was denied tenure; SDSU 20 was denied promotion to Professor; USD 2 was denied promotion to Associate Professor and denied tenure; USD 10 was denied promotion to Professor; USD 11 was denied promotion to Professor; USD 12 was denied promotion to Professor; and USD 28 was denied promotion to Associate Professor.

- 2-A(3) – Award two (2) years of prior service credit toward tenure and two (2) years of prior service credit toward promotion for Kevin Smith (DSU); and award one (1) year of prior service credit toward tenure and one (1) year of prior service credit toward promotion for Kelli Chromey (SDSU).
- 2-A(4) – Approve the leave request for Courtney Huse Wika (BHSU).
- 2-A(5) – Approve the request to grant tenure to Dr. Robert Hall (SDSMT) as a Professor.

CONSENT

Action: Items 5-A through 5-K and 5-T through 5-U were all approved as presented.

Academic and Student Affairs

- 5-A Academic Calendar – Special Schools
- 5-B SDSBVI Membership in SDHSAA
- 5-C(1) New Program Request – NSU – Minor in Public Relations
- 5-C(2) New Program Request – SDSU – Minor in Public Relations
- 5-C(3) New Program Request – SDSU – AS in Engineering Technology
- 5-C(4) New Program Request – USD – Minor in Legal Studies
- 5-C(5) New Program Request – USD – BA/BS in Legal Studies
- 5-C(6) New Program Request – USD – DNP with specialization in Organizational and System Leadership and Master of Science in Nursing with specialization in Nursing Informatics and e-Health
- 5-C(7) New Program Request – USD – Accelerated Graduate Program – OTD
- 5-D New Specialization Request – SDSU – Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Specialization (MS & DNP Nursing)
- 5-E(1) Intent to Plan Request – NSU – MAT in English
- 5-E(2) Intent to Plan Request – SDSU – BA/BS in Criminology
- 5-E(3) Intent to Plan Request – SDSU – MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 5-F MOU – Transfer of Respiratory Care Program from DSU to SDSU

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- 5-G Agreements on Academic Cooperation – NSU
 - *University of Hradeca Kralove*
 - *Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban)*
- 5-H Articulation Agreement – BHSU
 - *Western Dakota Technical College*
- 5-I MOU – NSU & South Dakota Educational Access Foundation
- 5-J MOU – SDSU & Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation
- 5-K Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – DSU, NSU, SDSU & USD

Informational Items – No Board Action Necessary

- 5-O Interim Actions of the Executive Director
- 5-P Teacher Education Report 2019
- 5-Q Freshmen Migration Analysis
- 5-R SDBOR State Attainment Dashboard Update

Academic and Student Affairs (*Continued*)

- 5-S General Education Revisions
- 5-T Reorganization of Academic Unit – NSU – College of Professional Studies

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

7-A(1) BOR Policies 2:17 and 2:18 – Honorary Degrees (First Reading)

Action: Approved as presented. These policy revisions will be brought back for a second and final reading at the June 2020 Board meeting.

7-A(2) BOR Policy 2:3 – System Undergraduate Admissions (Second Reading)

Action: Approved as presented.

7-B Graduation Lists

Action: Approved as presented.