

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL REFERENCE DOCUMENT**  
**South Dakota Board of Regents Meeting**  
**October 7, 2020**  
**Rushmore Plaza Civic Center**  
**444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road**  
**Rapid City, SD**

**ACTION REFERENCE SUMMARY**

The South Dakota Board of Regents met on October 7, 2020, in Rapid City, South Dakota. 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**

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

- 2-J(3) – Award an honorary posthumous Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture to Logan Nelson (SDSU).
- 2-J(5) – Award three (3) years of prior service credit toward tenure and three (3) years of prior service credit toward promotion for Dr. Sonja Kraus (USD).

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**CONSENT**

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Action: Items 4-A(1) through 4-D, and 4-F(1) through 4-J were all approved as presented.

Academic and Student Affairs

- 4-A(1) New Program Request – DSU & SDSU – PhD in Computer Science
- 4-A(2) New Program Request – NSU – MSED in Special Education
- 4-A(3) New Program Request – SDSMT – MS in Industrial Engineering
- 4-B New Specialization Request – NSU – Visual Impairments
- 4-C Intent to Plan – NSU – BA in Global Language and Culture

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- 4-D Accelerated Program Request – USD – Occupational Therapy, O.T.D
- ~~4-E Agreement on Academic Cooperation – NSU – Removed from agenda~~  
  - ~~Center for Language Education and Cooperation, China~~
- 4-F(1) Revisions to BOR Policy 4:35 – Conflict of Interest (First and Final Reading)
- 4-F(2) Revisions to BOR Policy 5:5:3 – Tuition and Fees: Special Course Types (First and Final Reading)
- 4-G Naming Request – SDSU – Community Practice Innovation Center
- 4-H Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – USD
- 4-I Revisions to Terminal Degrees Table – DSU
- 4-J Articulation Agreements – SDSU
  - *Riverland Community College*

Informational Items – No Board Action Necessary

- Interim Actions of the Executive Director
- Accreditation Status Report

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**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

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**5-A Program Productivity Report**

Action: Approved as presented.

**5-B BOR Policy 2:10 – Grades and Grade Point Averages (First Reading)**

Action: Approved as presented.

**5-C BOR Policy 5:5:4 – Tuition and Fees: Fees (First Reading)**

Action: Approved as presented.

**5-D Spring 2021 Academic Calendar**

Action: Approved as presented.

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**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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**6-C BOR Policy 4:5 – Faculty Compensation (Second Reading)**

Action: Approved as presented.

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