

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL REFERENCE DOCUMENT
South Dakota Board of Regents Meeting
March 30-31, 2021
Northern State University*
Jewett Regional Science Education Center (JSC)
Aberdeen, SD

*Zoom Teleconference**

ACTION REFERENCE SUMMARY

The South Dakota Board of Regents met on March 30-31, 2021 in Aberdeen, 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

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

- 2-H(3) – Award one (1) year of prior service credit toward tenure and one (1) year of prior service credit toward promotion each for Dr. Breon Derby (BHSU) and Dr. Bartlomiej Hanus (USD).
- 2-H(4) – Approve the requests to appoint Brian Butterfield (SDSMT) and Aimee Sorensen (USD) each to the rank of Lecturer.
- 2-H(5) – Approve the leave requests for Cheryl Anagnopoulos (BHSU), Jennifer Anderson (SDSU), Thomas Brandenburger (SDSU), Brian Rex (SDSU), Thomas Simmons (USD), and Jing Williams (USD).
- 2-H(6) – Award an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Dick Termes (BHSU), an honorary Doctorate of Public Service to Johnnie Johnson (BHSU) and Becky Hammon (SDSMT); and an honorary Doctorate of Science to Tony Jensen (SDSMT).

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CONSENT

Action: Items 4-A through 4-C(2) and 4-C(4) through 4-L(2) were all approved as presented. Item 4-C(3) was moved from consent to Section 5 of the agenda for further discussion.

Academic and Student Affairs

- 4-A Student Organization Award Winners for 2020
- 4-B(1) BOR Policy 4:11 – Rank and Promotion (Second Reading)
- 4-B(2) BOR Policy 4:12 – Role and Responsibility of Faculty (Second Reading)
- 4-C(1) New Program Request – DSU – BS in Artificial Intelligence
- 4-C(2) New Program Request – NSU – BS in Biochemistry
- ~~4-C(3) New Program Request – NSU – BA in Global Language and Culture~~ PULLED FROM CONSENT BY REGENT STORK FOR DISCUSSION
- 4-C(4) New Program Request – SDSMT – MS in Green and Sustainable Chemistry
- 4-C(5) New Program Request – SDSU – BA/BS in Criminology
- 4-C(6) New Program Request – SDSU – MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 4-C(7) New Program Request – USD – BS in Biochemistry
- 4-C(8) New Program Request – USD – BS in Public Health
- 4-D(1) New Certificate Request – NSU – Germans from Russia Studies (Undergrad)
- 4-D(2) New Certificate Request – NSU – TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (Graduate)
- 4-D(3) New Certificate Request – SDSU – Competency-Based Learning (Graduate)
- 4-E(1) New Specialization Request – SDSMT – AI/Machine Learning (BS in Computer Science)
- 4-E(2) New Specialization Request – SDSMT – Cybersecurity (BS in Computer Science)
- 4-E(3) New Specialization Request – SDSMT – Visual & Interactive Computing (BS in Computer Science)
- 4-E(4) New Specialization Request – SDSU – Aerospace Engineering (BS in Mechanical Engineering)
- 4-E(5) New Specialization Request – USD – Health Education (BS in Public Health)
- 4-F(1) New Site Request – SDSU – BA in Psychology (Online)
- 4-F(2) New Site Request – USD – Artificial Intelligence Certificate (Undergrad) (Online)
- 4-F(3) New Site Request – USD – Artificial Intelligence Certificate (Graduate) (Online)
- 4-F(4) New Site Request – USD – Forensic Anthropology Certificate (Online)
- 4-F(5) New Site Request – USD – EdS in Educational Administration and Leadership with Curriculum Director Specialization (Online)
- 4-G(1) Intent to Plan Request – NSU – MEd in Art Education

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- 4-G(2) Intent to Plan Request – DSU – BS in Artificial Intelligence for Business
- 4-G(3) Intent to Plan Request – SDSU – BS in Concrete Industry Management
- 4-G(4) Intent to Plan Request – SDSU – MS in Nutrition & Dietetics
- 4-H Dual Credit In-District Delivery – DSU Southern Hills Education Consortium Cyber Academy MOU
- 4-I(1) Agreements on Academic Cooperation – SD School of Mines and Technology
 - *Universidad Mondragón Mexico*
- 4-I(2) Agreements on Academic Cooperation – University of South Dakota
 - *University of Almería (UAL), Spain*
- 4-J(1) Articulation Agreements – Black Hills State University
 - *Northern Wyoming Community College District*
- 4-J(2) Articulation Agreements – Dakota State University
 - *Indian Hills Community College*
 - *Minnesota State Community and Technical College*
 - *Mitchell Technical College*
 - *North Dakota State College of Science*
 - *Northeast Iowa Community College*
 - *Scott Community College*
 - *Southeast Technical College*
 - *Western Nebraska Community College*
- 4-J(3) Articulation Agreements – South Dakota State University
 - *Lake Area Technical College*
 - *Mitchell Technical College*
 - *Riverland Community College*
 - *Southeast Technical College*
 - *Western Dakota Technical College*
 - *Oglala Lakota College*
 - *Black Hills State University*
- 4-J(4) Articulation Agreements – University of South Dakota
 - *Northwest College*
 - *Southeast Technical College*
 - *Black Hills State University*
- 4-K(1) Request to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – Community Public Health
- 4-K(2) Request to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – Consumer Affairs
- 4-L(1) Naming Request – SDSU – School of Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies

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- 4-L(2) Naming Request – SDSU – New Schools within the College of Education and Human Sciences

Informational Items – No Board Action Necessary

- 4-U Interim Actions of the Executive Director

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New Program Request – NSU – BA in Global Language and Culture (Original Item 4-C(3))

Action: The program was not approved. Instead it was requested by Regent Stork to send this program request back to system and institutional staff for additional information to be added to address concerns regarding 1) the effects of workload on existing faculty of the new courses requested, and 2) employers that would benefit from individuals if they had this degree.

5-A(1) BOR Policy 4:4 – Non-Faculty Exempt Employment Provisions, BOR Policy 4:7 – Grievance Faculty, and BOR Policy 4:14 – Faculty Discipline and Disciplinary Procedures (First Reading)

Action: Approved as presented; this item will be brought back for a second reading at the May BOR meeting. It is planned to have an additional revision added for the second reading to provide clarity that when a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday that it gets extended to the following workday. Regent Stork also requested of Nathan Lukkes that additional discussions be had regarding concerns of the peer panel detailed in Section C.6.2.2.2 of BOR Policy 4:4.

5-A(2) BOR Policy 4:13 – Faculty Evaluation (First Reading)

Action: Approved as presented; this item will be brought back for a second reading at the May BOR meeting.

5-A(3) BOR Policy 2:12 – Distance Education Revisions (First Reading)

Action: Approved as presented; this item will be brought back for a second reading at the May BOR meeting.