

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL REFERENCE DOCUMENT
South Dakota Board of Regents Meeting
May 11, 2021

Zoom Teleconference

ACTION REFERENCE SUMMARY

The South Dakota Board of Regents met on May 11, 2021 via Zoom 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-I(2) – Approve the promotion and tenure requests of the universities:
 - *The BHSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Michael Tolan was promoted to Associate Librarian; Daniel Jensen was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Brianna Mount was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; John VanBenthuyzen was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Kelly Kirk was promoted to Lecturer; Emilia Flint was promoted to Professor; Daniel Swenson was promoted to Professor; Symeon Waseen was promoted to Professor; and Matthew Bauman was promoted to Senior Lecturer;*
 - *The DSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Kyle Cronin was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Austin O'Brien was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Joe Ren was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Pam Rowland was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Josh Stroschein was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Kevin Smith was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Stacy Berry was promoted to Professor; Cherie Noteboom was promoted to Professor; and Ashley Podhradsky was promoted to Professor.*

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- *The NSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Kristi Brownfield was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Marla Fogderud was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Amber Henderson was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; John Long was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Audrey Miller was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Guangwei Ding was promoted to Professor; and Elizabeth Haller was promoted to Professor.*
- *The SDSMT promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Liangping Li was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Bret Lingwall was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Travis Walker was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Mark Bowron was promoted to Lecturer; Andrea Brickey was granted tenure; Grant Crawford was promoted to Professor; and Ivy Allard was promoted to Senior Lecturer.*
- *The SDSU promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Jeffrey Doom was granted tenure; Timothy Hansen was granted tenure; Deepthi Kolady was granted tenure; Ekaterina Koromyslova was granted tenure; Alan Leffler was granted tenure; Semhar Michael was granted tenure; Joshua Reineke was granted tenure; Mostafa Tazarv was granted tenure; Nacasius Ujah was granted tenure; Tong Wang was granted tenure; Weiwei Zhang was granted tenure; Clifford Hall was granted tenure; Hande Briddick was promoted to Professor; Michael Gonda was promoted to Professor; Rebecca Martin was promoted to Professor; and Christopher Saunders was promoted to Professor.*
- *The USD promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Elise Boxer was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Prentis Clark was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Edwin Gerrish was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Benjamin Hagen was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Zhongkui Hong was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Lisa Ann Robertson was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Bernard Wone was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; David De Jong was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Daniel Hajovsky was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Daniel Mourlam was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Gabriel Strouse was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Jonathan Allender-Zivic was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Timothy Campbell was promoted to Associate Professor and granted tenure; Neil Fulton was promoted to Dean/Associate Professor and granted tenure; Kyle Brouwer was promoted to Professor; Chaoyang Jiang was promoted to Professor; Brennan Jordan was promoted to Professor; Shane Nordyke was promoted to Professor; Hoaran Sun was promoted to Professor; Aimee Sorensen was promoted to Lecturer; Cheryl Hartman was promoted to Senior Lecturer; Joshua Houy was promoted to Senior Lecturer; Lynita Newswander was promoted to Senior Lecturer; and Stephanie Spars was promoted to Senior Lecturer.*

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- *The USD – Health Affairs/School of Medicine promotion and/or tenure requests were approved for the following faculty members: Pasquale Manzerra was promoted to Associate Professor; Michael Chaussee was promoted to Professor; Valeriy Kozmenko was promoted to Professor; Becca Jodre was promoted to Professor; Soonhee Roh was promoted to Professor; Fernando Bula Rudas was promoted to Associate Professor; Sarah Flynn was promoted to Associate Professor; Laurie Hogden was promoted to Associate Professor; Lesta Whalen was promoted to Associate Professor; Jessica White was promoted to Associate Professor; Benson Hsu was promoted to Professor; Kyle Roux was promoted to Professor; Ashwani Singal was promoted to Professor; and Jill Weimer was promoted to Professor.*

The promotion and/or tenure requests were denied for the following faculty members:

- *SDSU 13 was denied promotion to Professor; USD 15 was denied promotion to Professor; USD 31 was denied promotion to Associate Professor; USD 32 was denied promotion to Associate Professor; and USD 33 was denied promotion to Associate Professor.*
- 2-I(3) – Approve the request to grant tenure to Steven Macias (USD) as an Associate Professor.
- 2-I(4) – Approve the leave request for Hao Fong (SDSMT).
- 2-I(5) – Accept the System Scholarship Committee’s recommended recipients and alternates for the 2021-22 Fowler, Bjugstad, and Scarborough scholarships, as presented.
 - *Award the 2021-22 Annis Irene Fowler/Kaden Scholarship to Ally Cunningham and Taylor Koisti (First Alternate: Elizabeth Brakefeild, Second Alternate: Peyton Melius); award the 2021-22 Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship to Charlie Heathershaw; and award the 2021-22 Marlin R. Scarborough Memorial Scholarship to Kim Weber (First Alternate: Emma Fulfrey).*

CONSENT

Action: Items 5-A through 5-N were all approved as presented.

Academic and Student Affairs

- 5-A Graduation Lists
- 5-B Academic Calendar – Special Schools
- 5-C SDSBVI Membership in SDHSAA
- 5-D(1) New Certificate Request – BHSU – Accounting (Undergrad)
- 5-D(2) New Certificate Request – USD – Sustainability in Business (Undergrad)
- 5-E(1) New Specialization Request – DSU – Integrative Biology (BS in Biology)
- 5-E(2) New Specialization Request – DSU – Biology Education (BS in Biology)

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- 5-E(3) New Specialization Request – SDSMT – Geology (PhD in Geology, Geological Engineering, and Mining Engineering)
- 5-E(4) New Specialization Request – SDSMT – Geological Engineering (PhD in Geology, Geological Engineering, and Mining Engineering)
- 5-E(5) New Specialization Request – SDSU – Industry Relations (BS in Animal Science)
- 5-E(6) New Specialization Request – USD – Nonprofit Management (MS in Administration)
- 5-F(1) New Site Request – DSU – PhD in Cyber Defense (campus)
- 5-F(2) New Site Request – DSU – Information Technology Management Certificate (online)
- 5-F(3) New Site Request – DSU – Technology Database Management Certificate (online)
- 5-F(4) New Site Request – DSU – Web Application Development Certificate (online)
- 5-F(5) New Site Request – DSU – High Performance and Research Computing Certificate (online)
- 5-F(6) New Site Request – DSU – Network and Telecommunications Administration Certificate (online)
- 5-F(7) New Site Request – DSU – Object Oriented Programming Certificate (online)
- 5-F(8) New Site Request – SDSU – PhD in Nursing (online)
- 5-G(1) New Program Request – BHSU – Minor in Accounting
- 5-G(2) New Program Request – SDSU – Minor in Aerospace Engineering
- 5-H Accelerated Program Request – SDSU – Biological Sciences (MS) – Veterinary Medicine Specialization
- 5-I Requests to Seek Accreditation – USD
- 5-J Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – SDSU & USD
- 5-K USD Department Reorganization Request
- 5-L BOR Policy 2:12 – Distance Education (Second Reading)
- 5-M BOR Policy 4:13 – Faculty Evaluation (Second Reading)
- 5-N General Education Revisions

Informational Items – No Board Action Necessary

- 5-Q Interim Actions of the Executive Director

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6-A(1) BOR Policy 2.10 – Minimum Progression Standards (First Reading)

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

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6-A(2) 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 (Second Reading)

Action: Approved as presented.

6-B(1) New Program Request – NSU – BA in Global Language and Culture

Action: Approved as presented.

6-B(2) New Program Request – SDSU – BS in Concrete Industry Management

Action: Approved as presented.

6-C New Specialization Request – BHSU – Forest and Grassland Ecology (Biology)

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(1)(a) Agreements on Academic Cooperation – SD School of Mines and Technology

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) seeks approval to enter into an agreement on academic cooperation with University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(1)(b) Agreements on Academic Cooperation – University of South Dakota

The University of South Dakota (USD) seeks approval to enter into an agreement on academic cooperation with the Cultural Exchange Network (CENET) for participation in The Magellan Exchange program.

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(2)(a) Articulation Agreements – South Dakota State University

South Dakota State University requests to enter into program to program articulation agreements with Minnesota West Community & Technical College and Western Dakota Technical College.

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(2)(b) Articulation Agreements – University of South Dakota

University of South Dakota requests to enter into a program to program articulation agreement with Southeast Technical College.

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(3)(a) Dual Credit In-District Delivery Agreements – DSU & O’Gorman High School

Action: Approved as presented.

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6-D(3)(b) Dual Credit In-District Delivery Agreements – NSU & Brandon Valley High School

Action: Approved as presented.

6-D(4) BHSU & SDSMT Computer Science MOU

Action: Approved as presented.

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