South Dakota Board of Regents

PRESENTATION TO THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION
IN SOUTH DAKOTA
Mission Statement

The South Dakota Board of Regents’ mission is to provide an excellent, efficient, accessible, equitable, and affordable public university and special schools system that improves South Dakota’s overall educational attainment and research productivity,

▪️that improves South Dakota’s overall educational attainment and research productivity,

▪️while enriching the intellectual, economic, civic, social, and cultural life of the state, its residents, and its communities.
Some Good News!
Improving Degree Completion

23% Increase in Total Graduates Since FY11

Source: BOR Fact Book FY20
Improving Degree Completion – Continued Good News

Graduation Rates

Students Starting in 2002, Completing in 2006/08
- 4-year graduation rate

Students Starting in 2012, Completing in 2016/18
- 6-year graduation rate

Source: BOR Fact Books
Higher Education in South Dakota **IS** the Economic Engine of the State

- Attracts and generates income
- Draws new and expanded business
- Enhances individual wealth
- Each university creates an economic circle of influence around it
Research and Economic Development Initiatives

Responding to the Governor’s request for the “Next Big Thing”

- Bio-products Initiative
- Collaboration between SDSU and SDSM&T
- Will impact how our state does business
- Make agriculture and manufacturing a cohesive machine
Special Appropriations Requests
Special Appropriation Requests from Governor Noem

In her proposed budget, Governor Noem requested:

- $5 million for construction of a new School of Health Sciences building at the University of South Dakota

- $396,000 for the Cyber Incubator and Entrepreneurial Center at Dakota State University

Gov. Noem recommends current fiscal year funds for these projects. Projects were introduced this session as emergency special appropriations:

- Senate Bill 40 (USD Health Sciences)
- House Bill 1044 (DSU Cyber Incubator)
Other BOR Legislation This Session

- Authorize SD Building Authority revenue bonds for ongoing maintenance and repair of facilities ($24.5 million in debt financing)
- Construction of Facilities Building at USD
- Demolition of three storage structures and construction of a Grounds Facility at USD
- Renovation of E.Y. Berry Library at BHSU
- Renovation of Devereaux Library at SD Mines
BOR Highest Priority: Dakota’s Promise – Senate Bill 72

FY21
Dakota’s Promise Scholarship - $2 million

- Needs-based scholarship designed to provide support to eligible students
- $2,500 total per year - $1,250 from state with $1,250 institutional match
- Pell Grant eligible
- ACT score of 22 or higher
- High School GPA of 3.0+
- First Time, Full Time Freshmen
- South Dakota residents
- Sponsors will introduce bill this session
Student Aid Critical to Access

Net Price 2016-2017

- SD is 8th highest in the country
- Surrounding States Net Price
  - SD - $16,706
  - IA - $14,912
  - MN - $14,699
  - NE - $13,944
  - WY - $13,441
  - MT - $12,537
  - ND - $12,158
Without Dakota’s Promise – NO HOPE FOR CHANGE
Lack of Need-Based Funding per Pell Recipient = High Average Net Cost
Net Cost is Hurting Student Opportunity
Cost to Educate a Student is Lowest in Region – BUT South Dakota Students Bear a Bigger Burden of the Cost

Source: SHEEO State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) Report, 2017
(Note: SHEF data adjusted for enrollment mix and cost of living, so numbers will differ from BOR Fact Book.)
Good News for South Dakota: Projected Growth in High School Graduates 2019-2032

Estimated
SD HS Grads 2019: 8,522
SD HS Grads 2032: 10,000

State Support Impacts Affordability

FY15 and FY17 tuition freezes, supported by the Governor and Legislature, improved affordability for South Dakota students.

State support of South Dakota public higher education increased from 41% to 45% over the past six years.
Funding University Maintenance & Repair

Historical M&R Funding

FY08 FY09 FY10 FY11 FY12 FY13 FY14 FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18 FY19

General Funds HEFF M&R Fee
The Challenge of Salary Competitiveness

Turnover

FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18 FY19
Measuring Our Progress
Ensuring Accountability and Transparency

Board of Regents’ Fact Book
- www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/factbook/index.htm

BOR Interactive Dashboards
- www.sdbor.edu/dashboards

BOR Strategic Plan – 17 System Metrics
- www.sdbor.edu/theboard/StrategicPlan

Intellectual Diversity / Free Speech Report
- https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/infogovtrelations/Pages/Free-Speech-Intellectual-Diversity-Efforts.aspx