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Leadership Program in Planning Stages

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Plans are being developed at Black Hills State University for a new graduate-degree program that emphasizes leadership. BHSU this week asked the South Dakota Board of Regents for permission to plan for a new master's degree in strategic leadership.

Once its plans are finalized, BHSU will return to the regents for final approval of the program. No new state resources are being requested to implement the degree, regents' officials said.

The M.S. degree in strategic leadership would be Black Hills State's fourth master's degree program. BHSU has been working with Ellsworth Air Force Base officials to develop a program that serves the needs of military personnel, among others. The program, if approved, would be delivered entirely online beginning this fall.

In other action Friday, the Board of Regents:

- Approved a new minor in film studies at The University of South Dakota. An increasing number of students have an interest in working in the filmmaking industry, but they must leave the state to study in this area. This 18-hour minor will be available beginning this fall.
- Approved new certificate programs in K-12 science education at BHSU and in engineering management and leadership at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, along with an online graduate alcohol and drug abuse studies certificate at USD.