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## **Regents Expand Reach of Technology and Business Programs**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents will expand access to two business-related academic degrees, while also approving a new minor in educational technology at Dakota State University.

The board authorized DSU to begin offering a minor in educational technology (K-12) next fall, which may be earned by any student pursuing a B.S. degree in education at the Madison campus.

“This minor reflects Dakota State’s continuing mission to integrate technology into the teacher education programs,” said DSU President Doug Knowlton. The university already offers courses leading to an educational technology endorsement for teachers, which is earned by all education majors on campus. “We can best support Gov. Rounds’ laptop initiative by expanding the existing endorsement to the minor-degree level, and focusing on one-to-one computing in the K-12 classroom,” Knowlton said. The minor will total 18 or 19 credit hours.

The regents also approved requests to offer two existing bachelor-degree programs at new locations:

- **Northern State University will offer its B.S. degree in business administration in Pierre at Capital University Center.** NSU will take advantage of courses already offered in Pierre by other public universities, and add additional courses needed to complete the major. Some courses will be delivered by distance. The regents directed that all courses be offered so that students in Pierre can complete the degree in five years.
- **Dakota State University will offer its bachelor of business administration degree in management information systems using the Internet.** The program is currently offered on the Madison campus and at University Center in Sioux Falls. University officials said Internet delivery would contribute to workforce development across the state and expand access to more students. DSU will ensure that all courses for this major are offered so that students can complete the degree in five years.