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Productivity Review Brings More Academic Program Reductions

BROOKINGS, S.D. – As part of its continuing academic program review, with a strategic focus on achieving new efficiencies, the South Dakota Board of Regents this week terminated programs at Northern State University and The University of South Dakota and deleted 15 minors at South Dakota State University.

“Our academic programs must remain dynamic and responsive to the workforce and economic development needs of South Dakota and the students we serve,” said Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “While budget constraints tend to draw heightened attention to these changes, we believe it is important to periodically revisit our academic offerings so that the public university system can be as productive as possible,” he said.

The terminated programs at NSU include a bachelor of secondary education degree in art-comprehensive and a bachelor of arts degree in community development, an associate degree in social science, and specializations in French, human performance and physical fitness, and sociology-professional sociology.

At USD, an inactive program, the master of arts degree in contemporary media and journalism, will be terminated this spring. And at SDSU, 15 minors which had 20 or fewer graduates since 2004 were also approved for termination.