

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Extended University Consortium

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The Extended University Consortium (EUC) is a collaborative effort of the six public universities to serve the people of South Dakota by coordinating the electronic, distance, and off-campus delivery of programs and courses, including correspondence.

1. The public university system recognizes that place-bound and non-traditional students must have quality access to academic programs and services, especially in those areas of the state and region not served directly by a residential campus. The demand for these off-campus higher education services will continue to grow. This includes both distance offerings and off-campus, site-based services.
2. The Extended University Consortium will serve to organize the delivery of distance and off-campus programs and services under a common leadership that can effectively integrate responses to the needs of this special population of students.
3. For purposes of this policy, “extended” programming refers to:
 - a. Any means of electronic or online delivery available through the Internet, the World Wide Web, the Digital Dakota Network (DDN), and other video streaming mechanisms;
 - b. Any means of distance delivery, including both synchronous and asynchronous delivery modes, programs authorized under terms of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), rising scholar and dual enrollment programs, high school dual credit, correspondence coursework, and externally sponsored courses;
 - c. Any site-based, off-campus academic programs and services, including those available through the three higher education centers operated under the authority of the Board of Regents: Capital University Center at Pierre, University Center-Rapid City, and University Center-Sioux Falls.
4. The purposes of the Consortium are to:
 - A. Maintain a single point of contact for information and access to extended delivery of courses and programs from the six universities,
 - B. Encourage and manage curriculum investment and development for the extended

- delivery of courses and programs, maximizing resources while eliminating duplication of costs,
- C. Coordinate the extended delivery of courses and programs,
 - D. Ensure quality of extended delivery of courses and programs through review and assessment, and
 - E. Facilitate identification of extended delivery of courses and programs needed for state economic development and job skills for the citizens of South Dakota.
5. Students accessing courses offered through the Consortium are governed by all Board of Regents policies.
 6. The Extended University Committee is a sub-committee of the Academic Affairs Council, responsible for identifying opportunities and facilitating development and delivery of extended courses and programs. The charge of the Extended University Committee, together with designated Board of Regents staff, is to:
 - A. Provide an opportunity for communication and collaboration between the Regental universities.
 - B. Provide the Regental universities with a venue for sharing learnings, exchanging information and discussing issues of common concern.
 - C. Review and recommend best practices.
 - D. Identify capacity and opportunities for extended delivery of curriculum.
 - E. Analyze demand for the extended delivery of courses and programs (predictive and post-delivery) and make recommendations for future offerings.
 - F. Identify needs/issues and recommend solutions/approaches.

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