

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

## Policy Manual

**SUBJECT:** Technology Affairs Council

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### **A. PURPOSE**

To define the participants and role of the Technology Affairs Council.

### **B. DEFINITIONS**

None

### **C. POLICY**

The Technology Affairs Council is created to provide a vehicle for conducting system and institutional dialogue on the plans and applications of technologies in the system; developing and overseeing compliance with board policy; and establishing procedures and best practices relative to technologies utilized by the institutions and the Regental system.

#### **1. Membership**

The Technology Affairs Council shall consist of the Chief Information Officers at each of the institutions under the Board's control. The Council shall be chaired by the System Vice President of Finance and Administration or the Director of Regents Information Systems as a non-voting member. The universities and Board office may have others participate in council activity as they deem appropriate and necessary, but each institution will only have one vote.

#### **2. Duties and Responsibilities**

The Technology Affairs Council shall, at the request of the Board, the Executive Director, or the Council of Presidents and Superintendents, review existing or proposed uses of technology and policies and make recommendations to the Board through the Council of Presidents and Superintendents. The Council shall be responsible for providing advice to other councils on matters that involve the applications of various telecommunications technologies.

The Council shall develop and oversee policies that guide the purchase and use of technologies used by the universities and the Regental system. The Council shall be the primary means for interfacing individual institutional technology plans and applications with other institutions in the system. A major responsibility of the Council shall be to insure the technology applications within the system are compatible and appropriate for internal functional applications, give oversight to inter-institutional applications, and

confirm the interconnectivity of South Dakota higher education with appropriate external agencies and entities in the state, regionally and nationally.

The Technology Affairs Council shall create, maintain and update a statewide plan for the uses of technology including the cooperative sharing of campus instructional technology, off-campus educational delivery systems, communication networks, information systems, and linkages to regional and national information systems. The Council shall provide leadership in maintaining the system's investment in technology infrastructure, equipment, personnel and curriculum assets.

**FORMS / APPENDICES:**

None

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