

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Full Board**

**AGENDA ITEM: 11**

**DATE: May 12, 2015**

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**Subject: Naming Request – Dakota State University**

Pursuant to section 2(H) of Board of Regents [Policy 1:6 Appointment, Authority, and Responsibilities of Presidents and Superintendents](#), Dakota State University is requesting authorization to split the College of Business and Information Systems into two separate colleges (see Attachment I). Under the new organizational framework for the institution, the new College of Computing would be created and will house Computer Science and Game Design along with Cyber Operations/Network Security. The College of Business and Information Systems will be retained and include Business, Information Systems, and Health and Information Management under its organizational authority.

Prior to advancing this request, DSU engaged an institutional taskforce charged with conducting a review of peer and equivalent sized institutions around the country/region. Through a process of in-depth interviews with external campus administration, and a thorough review of the financial implications for the institution, the task force members supported the transition to the proposed model. Institutional representatives have developed a comprehensive implementation plan for making the necessary transition across the two new organizational units prior to the term of the new DSU President, allowing incoming leadership to facilitate the search for the two new deans who will be charged with managing the two new divisions.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Authorize Dakota State University to reorganize the College of Business and Information Systems into the College of Computing and College of Business and Information Systems.



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April 10, 2015

Dr. Paul Turman  
System Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Board of Regents  
306 East Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Dr. Turman,

Dakota State University is seeking approval to split the College of Business and Information Systems into two separate colleges. One college would retain the title of College of Business and Information Systems (BIS) while the other college would be called the College of Computing.

The university appointed a Task Force last fall to conduct an environmental scan of universities of similar size who also had gone through recent restructuring. During this process, academic leadership at those institutions were interviewed. A financial analysis for funding the two college structure has also been completed. The decision to create the two college structure was based on the environmental scan and feelings by the Task Force members that this split would better align faculty within disciplines and colleges who share common goals and curriculum and would result in greater levels of synergy among the disciplines within each college. The two college structure will be a seamless process for undergraduate and graduate students.

An implementation plan has been developed to advance this change in the organizational structure. The two college model will be implemented beginning May 21, 2015. This spring, four Department Chairs will be selected and the Vice President for Academic Affairs will work with the department chairs to transition to the new structure. Search committees will be appointed next fall by the President and VPAA to fill the Dean positions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy L. Dittman".

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