

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning and Resource Development

**REVISED
AGENDA ITEM: 5 – I**

DATE: August 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Creation of Athletics Advisory Committee

Across the nation, and the Regental system, intercollegiate athletic programs continue to grow and have increased public exposure. As the programs grow, so do the administrative complexities of managing them. The Association of Governing Boards (AGB) recommends that boards establish an advisory committee on athletics to consider the issues surrounding intercollegiate athletics. Doing so will allow the board members to have a greater understanding of the impacts of intercollegiate athletics, and ensure that BOR athletics programs align with the mission, vision, and values of higher education in South Dakota.

At the June 2017 Board meeting, proposed language was discussed that would create the Athletics Advisory Committee as a Special Committee of the Board. However, given the permanent nature of the Athletics Advisory Committee, the Executive Director recommends that the Athletics Advisory Committee be created and added to the By-Laws as a Standing Committee. The creation of the Athletics Advisory Committee as a Standing Committee will require additional revisions to Article III of the Board’s By-Laws, which addresses Standing Committees. Those additional revisions are being introduced, along with other revisions to other parts of the By-Laws, as part of another Board Agenda Item under consideration for a first reading (see Board Item 5-H).

Rather than delaying the creation of the Athletics Advisory Committee until the second reading of the comprehensive revisions to the By-Laws are approved, this Board item seeks to create the Athletics Advisory Committee as a Special Committee of the Board with the organization and scope outlined below:

Organization. The Athletics Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than three regents appointed by the President (not counting the President as ex-officio).

Scope. The Athletics Advisory Committee shall review matters of intercollegiate athletics, including, but not limited to: fiscal integrity and budget of athletic programs, compliance, personnel contracts, and provide recommendation on policies governing all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The chair shall provide recommendations to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

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DRAFT MOTION 20170810_5-I: I move to approve the creation of the Athletics Advisory Committee as a Special Committee of the Board.

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If the Board approves the motion, the newly created Athletics Advisory Committee would be able to operate immediately consistent with the organization and scope outlined above.

As part of the comprehensive review of the By-Laws (see Board Item 5-H), the Athletics Advisory Committee will eventually be codified in the By-Laws as a Standing Committee of the Board.

Please note that the revision to By-Laws Section 2 (Membership) that was part of the motion approved at the June 2017 Board meeting is incorporated into the comprehensive review of the By-Laws (see Board Item 5-H)