

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGNETS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – J
DATE: December 5-7, 2017

SUBJECT

Request to Seek Accreditation – SDSM&T

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 1:10](#) – Relationship of Curriculum and Instruction to Statutory Objectives

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Board of Regents Policy 1:10 specifies that “Each campus must seek and receive Board approval before applying for initial accreditation or an expanded scope of accreditation for academic programs.” In accordance with Board policy, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology requests approval to seek accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) for their Museum of Geology (Attachment I).

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

AAM accreditation attests to the museum’s excellence in meeting the core standards and best practices of the field, and is viewed as a national touchstone of excellence. It also serves as a primary point of consideration in receiving funding and other aid/resources geared toward museums. Total cost is expected to be approximately \$4,200 to \$4,900.

Board staff recommend approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSM&T Request to Seek Accreditation: Museum of Geology

DRAFT MOTION 20171205_4-J:

I move to approve SDSM&T’s request to seek accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) for their Museum of Geology.



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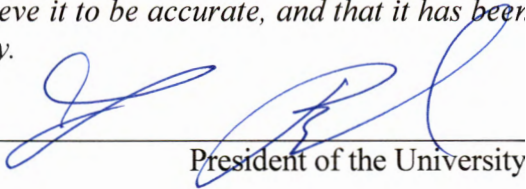
Request to Seek Accreditation

Use this form to request permission to seek accreditation of an approved program. Board of Regents (BOR) action is required to seek program accreditation.

UNIVERSITY:	SDSM&T
PROGRAM:	
CIP CODE:	
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Museum of Geology
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Academic Affairs

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.



 President of the University

10/18/2017

Date

1. Level of program seeking accreditation (place an "X" in the appropriate box): N/A

- Certificate
 Associate
 Bachelor's
 Doctoral
 Master's

2. Accrediting Agency: American Alliance of Museums (AAM)

3. What are the advantages of accreditation? AAM accreditation attests to the museum's excellence in meeting the core standards and best practices of the field, as well as in achieving its stated mission and goals. Accreditation is viewed as a national touchstone of excellence, and is a primary consideration in receiving funding and other Federal, state, and private resources geared toward museums.

4. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A. Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation: \$2500 (Tier 3, lowest fee)

B. Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits: \$1700-\$2400 (estimated range for outside reviewer expenses)

C. Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE): For Tier 3, there is no annual participation fee.

5. **What is the source of the revenue needed?** Museum of Geology operating expenses or Foundation accounts.
6. **What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?** The self-study application is due May 15, 2018, at which time arrangements for the fee payment(s) need to have been made. The total time from application through on-site review to final decision will be from 8-16 months, so this will be finalized in 2019 or early 2020.