

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Full Board**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5**

**DATE: February 24, 2017**

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**SUBJECT: Authorization to Exclude the Board President from the Security Clearance Process Related to DSU/NSA Contract**

Dakota State University has entered into a contract with the NSA, which includes the establishment of a secure facility on campus. One requirement of such a facility is that key management personnel obtain a top secret DOD clearance. In working with the DOD, DSU has learned that the University President and Board President must be cleared. However, the BOR President can be excluded from the clearance process but must do so willingly and with the approval of the Board. Therefore, DSU requests that the Board authorize the Board President to sign and acknowledge an exclusion from the DSU/NSA contract and subsequent clearance process.

This exclusion from the clearance process will not exclude the Board from unclassified information related to the contract. This proposed exclusion will only restrict the Board President from access to the classified information.

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**DRAFT MOTION 20170224\_5:** I move to authorize the Board President to sign and acknowledge an exclusion from the DSU/NSA contract and subsequent clearance process.