

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – F

DATE: June 27-29, 2017

SUBJECT: BHSU Naming Request – Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies

Black Hills State University (“BHSU”) requests authorization to name the Center for American Indian Studies the “Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies.” The Center for American Indian Studies, which is located in Jonas Academic, Room 110, serves as the academic administrative unit for academic programs in AIS and promotes awareness of American Indian cultures, value systems, and social values. It assists with recruitment and retention of American Indian students.

Board Policy No. 1:27 reaffirms South Dakota’s “long-standing tradition of naming institutional facilities...in recognition of persons or entities who have made important contributions to enable or to advance the missions of the institutions.” Section 1, in particular, provides that:

1. When naming a facility or programmatic unit for a person, family, or organization where there is no gift, the proposed honoree shall have achieved distinction in one or more of the following ways:
 - A. serving the university in an academic or administrative capacity with high distinction, or
 - B. by contributing in other exceptional ways to the welfare and reputation of the university, to education, or to the community in general....
4. Prior to recommending to the Board the naming of a facility or programmatic unit for a person, family or organization, the president or superintendent shall have a reasonable assurance that:
 - A. the proposed name will bring additional honor and distinction to the institution,

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DRAFT MOTION 20170627_7-F: I move to approve Black Hills State University’s request to name the Center for American Indian Studies the “Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies”.

- B. the recognition implied by the naming is appropriate for the behavior exhibited by the individual, family, or organization, and
- C. any philanthropic commitments connected with the naming can be realized.

Jace DeCory has been on the faculty of the American Indian Studies program at BHSU since 1984. She received her B.A. from the University of North Dakota and earned an M.Ed. from SDSU in addition to graduate work from the University of Washington in Anthropology and Indian Studies. In her 33 years at BHSU, she has taught a wide range of classes in American Indian art, history, culture, and contemporary issues. She is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Her research is in the areas of American Indian women, elders, art, and traditional healing. Professor DeCory has served as president and as secretary of the North American Indian Women's Association. She has presented several papers and invited presentations and is regularly invited to other university campuses. In March, she was invited to Harvard University to participate in a panel discussion on the Dakota Access pipeline. She is one of BHSU's most highly respected faculty members, both by her peers and students, and as such, received the distinguished faculty award in 2014. BHSU believes that naming the Center for American Indian Studies, the "Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies," will recognize the support and contribution that Professor DeCory has made to the American Indian Studies program while at BHSU. If approved, a special dedication will be held to celebrate the naming in the fall 2017 semester.



South Dakota Board of Regents

Naming Request Form

*Request for Naming of Campus Facilities,
Programmatic Units, or Funded Academic Honors*

Please send this completed form to BORSEC@sdbor.edu .

Date Request Submitted: June 5, 2017

Name of Institution: Black Hills State University

Current Name: Center for American Indian Studies

Proposed Name: Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies

Effective Date and Duration of Proposed Name: July 1, 2017 - life of Center

Location on Campus: Jonas Academic - Room 110

Purpose of Facility, Space, or Program to be Named: The CAIS serves as the academic administrative unit for academic programs in AIS.

It promotes awareness of American Indian cultures, value systems, and social values. It assists with recruitment and retention of Native students.

If the naming request is the result of a gift, is the institution currently in possession of the gift? : NA

If the naming request is the result of a gift agreement that provides the donor the right to name the facility, when and how was the Board apprised of such an agreement in advance? (Please submit the gift agreement with this form.)

NA

Rationale for Proposed Name (Include in the space below, or attach documentation):

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Authorization for Use of Name

I, the undersigned, authorize the use of my name for the proposed naming request specified above.



 Signature

6-5-17

 Date

Jace DeCory

Printed Name

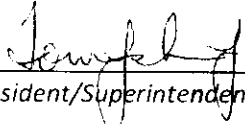
Campus Authorization of Naming Request

I, the undersigned President/Superintendent, have a reasonable assurance that the proposed name will bring additional honor and distinction to the institution, the recognition implied by naming is appropriate for the behavior exhibited by the individual, family, or organization, and any philanthropic commitments connected with the naming can be realized. I certify that this naming request meets the criteria required by Board of Regents Policy 1:27, which key requirements are stated below:

1. When naming a facility or programmatic unity for a person, family, or organization where there is no gift, the proposed honoree shall have achieved distinction in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. Serving the university in an academic or administrative capacity with high distinction, or
 - b. By contributing in other exceptional ways to the welfare and reputation of the university, to education, or the community in general.

OR

2. When naming a facility or programmatic unit for a person, family, or organization where there is a gift to the institution, consideration has been given to the following factors:
 - a. The significance of the gift to the likely realization or success of a facility project or programmatic unit, based on the following guidelines:
 - i. A name proposed for a new facility or a facility to be renovated so as to recognize a gift to the institution may be considered when the gift represents a substantial component of the projects' total cost.
 - ii. A name proposed for an existing but presently untitled facility so as to recognize a gift to the institution may be considered when the gift represents a significant proportion of the value of the facility.
 - iii. A name may be proposed for a programmatic unit to recognize an endowed gift to the institution if the gift is similar to donations received for comparable naming at peer institutions, provided that any associated endowment will be sufficient to sustain the program or a substantial portion of it, since the naming shall be in effect for the life of the program.
 - iv. If a fund raising drive or a contractual agreement may involving naming that is subject to Board approval, the Board must be apprised of such initiatives in advance.
 - v. Before recommending a name in honor of an individual, corporate, or commercial entity, institutions must avoid any appearance of commercial influence or conflict of interest by taking additional due diligence. The naming for an individual associated with a corporation should be handled as any naming for an individual.
 - a. Corporate names may be used to designate individual rooms or suites of rooms, as well as endowed chairs and professorships. Plaques in public spaces within buildings may recognize the contributions of corporations. The size, design, and wording of plaques and other signs that acknowledge corporate generosity and express institutional appreciation should be modest in size and appropriate to the public university or school setting.
 - b. the urgency or need for the project or program, or continuing support for the program,
 - c. the standing of the individual, family, or entity in the community or profession,
 - d. the nature and duration of the relationship of the proposed honoree to the university.



 President/Superintendent Signature

6-5-17

 Date



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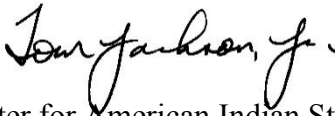
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2017

TO: Dr. Mike Rush, SDBOR

FROM: Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President 

SUBJECT: Request for naming BHSU Center for American Indian Studies after retired professor emeritus, Jace DeCory - Executive Session Action Requested

Black Hills State University (BHSU) requests to name the longstanding Center for American Indian Studies located in Jonas Hall after professor emeritus Jace DeCory. This is to recognize her incredible contributions and outstanding service not only to our Native communities across the United States, but also the students of BHSU.

Jace has been a part of BHSU since 1984. In her 33 years at BHSU she has taught several different courses. What has set her apart has been her connectedness to the Native communities throughout the United States. Furthermore, without question, she may be regarded as the most respected professor at BHSU in sometime. Her peers and students highly respect her as a person that has been supportive of other faculty, students, and addressing American Indian issues.

As we look past and forward, there hasn't been anyone more passionate about the Center for American Indian Studies and there is no person in the pipeline that will likely ever achieve the level of support and contribution that she has over the years. It is very fitting to name the Center the "Jace DeCory Center for American Indian Studies."

If approved, a special dedication will be held to celebrate the naming in the fall 2017 semester.

Thank you for your consideration and support.