

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8 – F**  
**DATE: August 7-9, 2018**

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**SUBJECT:**

**South Dakota State University Acceptance of Gift – Airplane**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY: 5:8**

[BOR Policy 5:8 – Acceptance of Gifts](#)

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

South Dakota State University requests approval to accept a gift of a 1967 7KCAB American Champion Citabria Aircraft. This gift is being presented by Joseph Vogel in support of the Aviation Education Specialization. If this airplane was not gifted, SDSU was planning on purchasing or leasing a similar type of training airplane in the next 2-4 years. It will be used as a tailwheel training aircraft within the Department of Consumer Sciences under the College of Education and Human Sciences.

This airplane, while older than most of SDSU’s other fleet, was well maintained and routinely inspected and flown judiciously. SDSU currently has three other airplanes from the 1970s and 1980s so this is not a stretch as far as the age of the airplane. SDSU’s chief aviation mechanic inspected the airplane and found it to be within standards. The engine, propeller, and airframe are all in good to very good condition. The total hours (approximately 2,500) on this aircraft are well within normal limits and the engine still has over 50% of its average lifetime left before it would need to be overhauled. The total hours on the airplane are a major asset to the gift. Seven (7) out of SDSU’s eight (8) aircraft have more time on them than this airplane. The airplane will be insured in the same fashion as all South Dakota owned aircraft through the Office of Risk Management.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Accepting the Joseph Vogel gift of a 1967 7KCAB American Champion Citabria aircraft at an estimated value of \$48,089 will support the Aviation Education Program. SDSU plans to use this airplane as an integrated asset in their professional pilot curriculum. The airplane will be flown by state employed FAA certified flight instructors as part of the B.S. in Aviation – Aviation Education degree, for introduction flights, and for continued proficiency. Students will have the option to use this airplane throughout their training curriculum as part of a degree course. This aircraft will also be a great asset to the SDSU

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**DRAFT MOTION 20180807\_8-F:**

I move to approve SDSU’s request to accept the gift of a 1967 7KCAB American Champion Citabria aircraft from Joseph Vogel with an estimated value of \$48,089.

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Aviation Program as it will help students develop specific training that only a tailwheel (conventional gear) airplane can provide. Overall this is a great asset to the SDSU Aviation Program and many students will benefit from Mr. Vogel's generous gift.

Board staff recommend accepting this gift.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None