

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning Session

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – B
DATE: August 4-5, 2020

SUBJECT

Proposed Senate Bill 55 Process

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

During South Dakota’s 2020 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 55, a bill requiring the Board of Regents to assemble a task force to study the operations and functions of the institutions of higher education under the board's authority, was passed into law. The bill indicates that the task force shall examine the following:

- (1) The possible combining of administration at all levels of operation within an institution;
- (2) The possible combining of operations and functions across multiple institutions;
- (3) The possible combining of the administration of programs across multiple institutions;
- (4) A review of the duplication of program offerings;
- (5) A review of the academic majors with low enrollments and low numbers of graduates;
- (6) A review of functions outside the core missions of teaching, learning, and research;
- (7) A review of the operations and functions provided as an efficiency through the central office of the Board of Regents;
- (8) A review of the viability of the university centers; and
- (9) Any other possible cost-effective measures the task force determines are worthy of examination.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The attached documents propose an initial structure for the Senate Bill 55 Task Force, including a general outline of task force membership, a timeline of meetings, and a recommendation for task force subcommittees. The Board should be prepared to discuss its goals and expectations for the task force process.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment I – Proposed Senate Bill 55 Timeline
- Attachment II – Proposed Senate Bill 55 Process Document

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**SENATE BILL 55
TIMETABLE
2020-2021**

July 1, 2020	Senate Bill 55, an act to require the Board of Regents to assemble a task force to study the operations and functions of the institutions of higher education under the board's authority, becomes law.
	Dr. Maher develops proposed process for Senate Bill 55 and vets it with the Board's executive committee and university presidents.
August 5, 2020	Full Board discusses and approves process for the implementation of Senate Bill 55.
	Board appoints Senate Bill 55 task force members, including four members of the JCA appointed by the JCA.
October 7-8, 2020	<p>First Meeting of the SB55 Task Force at SDSM&T, Rapid City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Purpose of Task Force • Overview of Process & Subcommittees • Comprehensive Overview of System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What we are doing now and how did we get here. • Discuss Subcommittees and Consider Goals
November, 2020	<p>Second Meeting of the SB55 Task Force at ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterate Purpose and Process of Task Force • Revisit Key Take-Aways from First Meeting • Presentation on the Future of Higher Education • Break into Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentations on Subcommittee Focus Areas ○ Determine Goals for Subcommittees ○ Planning for Executing on Goals • Report Subcommittee Goals and Plans for How to Get There
Nov. 2020-April, 2021	SB55 Task Force Subcommittees meet in interim to accomplish tasks.
April, 2021	<p>Third Meeting of the SB55 Task Force at ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee Progress Reports • Assign Final To-Do's for the Fourth Meeting, if necessary
May, 2021	<p>Fourth Meeting of the SB55 Task Force at ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee Progress Reports
	Staff produce DRAFT SB55 Task Force Report with findings and recommendations.
June, 2021	<p>Fifth Meeting of the SB55 Task Force at ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and finalize DRAFT SB55 Task Force Report
June 23-24, 2021	Note: Board's Informal Budget Hearing at June BOR Meeting
August 3-5, 2021	Discuss SB55 Task Force Report (start SDBOR strategic planning)
Nov. 15, 2021 (no later)	The board shall present the findings of the task force to the Governor and to the Joint Committee on Appropriations.

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1. Establish the Task Force

SB55, Section 1. *The Board of Regents shall assemble a task force consisting of at least eleven members to examine the possible program and administrative efficiencies and cost effectiveness that may be achieved through the shared administration of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota. The membership of the task force shall include four members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations appointed by the Joint Committee on Appropriations.*

- **To-do:** Board to assemble the Task Force membership to include regents, presidents, legislators, and business and industry representatives.

Working List of Task Force Members:

1. Dr. Brian Maher, Chair
2. Regent(s)
3. President(s)
4. Senator Ryan Maher (*appointed by JCA*)
5. Senator Reynold Nesiba (*appointed by JCA*)
6. Representative Hugh Bartels (*appointed by JCA*)
7. Representative Chris Karr (*appointed by JCA*)
8. Other Legislators?
9. Business and Industry Representatives?

Considerations:

- Need to balance geographic considerations
- Select individuals not entities
- Include legislative leadership and/or education committee member
- Possible K-12 or Department of Education representative?
- Foundation or community stakeholder representation
- Balance of industry representation

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SB55, Section 2. *The task force examination shall include the following:*

- (1) The possible combining of administration at all levels of operation within an institution;*
- (2) The possible combining of operations and functions across multiple institutions;*
- (3) The possible combining of the administration of programs across multiple institutions;*
- (4) A review of the duplication of program offerings;*
- (5) A review of the academic majors with low enrollments and low numbers of graduates;*
- (6) A review of functions outside the core missions of teaching, learning, and research;*
- (7) A review of the operations and functions provided as an efficiency through the central office of the Board of Regents;*
- (8) A review of the viability of the university centers; and*
- (9) Any other possible cost-effective measures the task force determines are worthy of examination.*

- **To-do:** Board to approve the establishment of three subcommittees within the Task Force and assign the regents on the Task force to lead the subcommittees.

1. Administration

- a) The possible combining of administration at all levels of operation within an institution;
- b) The possible combining of operations and functions across multiple institutions;
- c) The possible combining of the administration of programs across multiple; institutions;
- d) Any other possible cost-effective measures the task force determines are worthy of examination.

2. Academic Programs

- a) A review of the duplication of program offerings;
- b) A review of the academic majors with low enrollments and low numbers of graduates;
- c) Any other possible cost-effective measures the task force determines are worthy of examination.

3. Infrastructure/Ancillary

- a) A review of functions outside the core missions of teaching, learning, and research;
- b) A review of the operations and functions provided as an efficiency through the central office of the Board of Regents;
- c) A review of the viability of the university centers; and
- d) Any other possible cost-effective measures the task force determines are worthy of examination.

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2. Establish Timeline

SB55, Section 1. *The board shall present the findings of the task force to the Governor and to the Joint Committee on Appropriations no later than November 15, 2021.*

- **To-do:** Board to discuss and consider finalization of SB55 implementation timeline.

The Senate Bill 55 Task Force will meet five times between October 2020 and June 2021 with the purpose of developing a report on findings and recommendations for South Dakota's System of Higher Education. The meeting dates, locations, and goals are described below.

- 1. First Meeting – October 7-8, 2020 at SDSMT in Rapid City**
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Purpose of Task Force
 - c. Overview of Process & Subcommittees
 - d. Comprehensive Overview of System
 - 1) What we are doing now and how did we get here.
 - e. Discuss Subcommittees and Consider Goals
- 2. Second Meeting – November __, 2020 at _____**
 - a. Reiterate Purpose and Process of Task Force
 - b. Revisit Key Take-Aways from First Meeting
 - c. Presentation on the Future of Higher Education
 - d. Break into Subcommittees
 - 1) Presentations on Subcommittee Focus Areas
 - 2) Determine Goals for Subcommittees
 - 3) Planning for Executing on Goals
 - e. Report Subcommittee Goals and Plans for How to Get There
- 3. Third Meeting – April __, 2021 at _____**
 - a. Subcommittee Progress Reports
 - b. Assign Final To-Do's for the May meeting, if necessary
- 4. Fourth Meeting – May __, 2021 at _____**
 - a. Pending
- 5. Fifth Meeting – June __, 2021 at _____**
 - a. Review and finalize DRAFT SB55 Task Force Report

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3. Considerations for Board

1. What are the Board's goals and expectations regarding this process and outcomes?
2. How should SB55 timeline dovetail the budget recommendation process?
3. How could/should the SB55 process dovetail with the necessary preparation for next strategic plan?
4. Could the subcommittee focused on Administration broadly consider the Lean Study in their recommendations?
5. Other steps needed before the Board is ready to endorse invitations to potential task force membership?
6. Board comfortable with giving executive committee and regents on SB55 task force the authority to finalize timeline and membership?
7. How to reasonably conclude the work of the task force?