

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Full Board

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – E (1)

DATE: May 21, 2020

SUBJECT

Resolution of Recognition – South Dakota Board of Regents Faculty and Staff

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In the midst of the disruption caused by COVID-19, South Dakota Board of Regents faculty and staff have adjusted quickly, effectively, and creativity to meet the needs of their students.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommend approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Special Resolution for Board of Regents Faculty and Staff

DRAFT MOTION 20200521_3-E(1):

I move to approve the Resolution of Recognition for Board of Regents Faculty and Staff set forth in Attachment I.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an unprecedented time in our state, country, and world compelled the South Dakota Board of Regents' system to alter delivery of public higher education and special schools' instruction, with many employees working from home, other staff working onsite under new circumstances, and activities cancelled or postponed; and,

WHEREAS, while the spring and summer semesters of the 2019-20 academic year changed dramatically, public university classes continued online so that students might complete their degrees or stay on track for completion; and,

WHEREAS, teachers and staff at the School for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the School for the Deaf quickly adjusted to meet their students' needs by delivering instruction and support remotely; and,

WHEREAS, these steps were necessary to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, ensuring that the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff remained a top priority; and

WHEREAS, Board of Regents' employees will continue to adjust dynamically to an evolving public health challenge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the Board of Regents to express its appreciation and gratitude to the faculty and staff across the South Dakota Board of Regents' system for their dedication, support, and willingness to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that employees of the South Dakota Board of Regents' system be thanked for their efforts at this time of unparalleled change, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board.

Adopted this 21st Day of May, 2020.

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John W. Bastian, President

Jim Morgan, Vice President

Pam Roberts, Secretary

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