SUBJECT
USD Department Reorganization Request

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY
BOR Policy 2:14 – Campus Organization Structure

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION
The University of South Dakota requests to move two programs from an administrative department code to an existing academic department code.

- Public Health, MPH
- Health Sciences, PhD

Currently these program codes report to School of Health Sciences and Dean of Health Sciences; this change would make it so they report to UHSC/Public Health and Health Sciences Department, effective immediately to align program codes with the appropriate department.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS
Attachment I – USD Department Reorganization Request

DRAFT MOTION
Approve USD’s request to to move their Public Health, MPH and Health Sciences, PhD programs from an administrative department code to an existing academic department code, as presented in Attachment I.
April 6, 2021

Dr. Joelle Lien
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
South Dakota Board of Regents
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RE: Request to Move Two Programs from Administrative Department Code to Existing Academic Department Code

Dear Dr. Lien,

In accordance with Board policies 2:14 “Campus Organizational Structure” and 1:6 “Appointment, Authority, and Responsibilities of Presidents and Superintendents,” I ask you to request Board approval to allow us to move two programs from an administrative department code to an existing academic department code.

Currently these program codes report to 2H/School of Health Sciences and UHSD/Dean of Health Sciences.

UMPH.PBH-USD Public Health, MPH
UPHD.HSC-USD Health Sciences, PHD

We would like to change them so that they report to UHSC/Public Health and Health Sciences Department, effective immediately. This change is needed to align the program codes with the appropriate department. The Dean’s Office was once used to house academic interdisciplinary programs but should not be considered an academic unit, particularly with leadership changes and reorganizations that can happen over time.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this request. If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kurt Hackemer
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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cc: Haifa AbouSamra, Dean, School of Health Sciences