SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

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SUBJECT
> **Articulation Agreements – SDSU**

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY
> BOR Policy 2:27 – Program to Program Articulation Agreements

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION
> BOR Policy 2:27 Program to Program Articulation Agreements establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AAS is "transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree." Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION
> To comply with BOR Policy 2:27, South Dakota State University requests approval for the following articulation agreement:

> - Students who have completed their first two years of their undergraduate studies at Chandigarh University, India, will be able to complete their baccalaureate degree in Computer Science or Data Science at SDSU. The agreement would establish a 2+2 program.

> Each participating student from CU will pay the applicable tuition, fees, and related costs for credits they enroll in at SDSU directly to SDSU. The rate of tuition charged will be non-resident; all mandatory and course/discipline fees will also be assessed, as outlined in Section III of the agreement.

> Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS
> Attachment I – SDSU Articulation Agreement: Chandigarh University

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DRAFT MOTION 20220622_8-I(1):
> I move to approve South Dakota State University's articulation agreement with Chandigarh University, as presented in Attachment I.

Articulation Agreement
between
South Dakota State University, USA
and
Chandigarh University, India

Chandigarh University (CU) and South Dakota State University (SDSU), through its Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering, in order to enrich their educational and research programs and to strengthen cooperation between both universities (Parties), hereby agree to establish a collaborative undergraduate degree program in the fields of Computer Science and Data Science under the conditions set forth by this agreement.

I. SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION

The Parties agree to establish a collaborative undergraduate degree program, a so-called 2+2 program (the Program) in the following majors in the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering: Computer Science, Data Science. Under this Program, CU students will commence and complete the first two years of their undergraduate studies at CU where they will be advised to take as many of the available courses at CU as possible that would be required for their intended major at South Dakota State University. Upon successful completion of the first two years and meeting all Program and SDSU admission requirements, CU students participating in the Program will be allowed to transfer to SDSU where they will complete their undergraduate studies in Computer Science or Data Science. Students who successfully complete the Program will earn a Bachelor of Science degree from SDSU College of Engineering.

II. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

A. CU will ask each participant fill out an SDSU online transfer student application form.

B. CU will advise each student to pay the application fee directly to SDSU.

C. To help insure the success of the students, it is the responsibility of CU to nominate students for the Program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a scale of 4.0. All applicants who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in English with one of the following: Internet-based TOEFL Test (iBT) score, minimum-61, Paper-based TOEFL Test (PBT) score, minimum-500, and IELTS score, minimum-5.5, or a minimum TOEIC score of 650. TOEFL or IELTS or TOEIC scores must be submitted within two years of examination date.

D. After all application materials have been submitted and reviewed, SDSU will admit qualified CU students to the Program for full-time degree study in Computer Science and Data Science.

III. SDSU'S PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

A. SDSU will accept qualified CU students to the Program each academic year.

B. SDSU Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will provide academic advising.

C. SDSU Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will appoint an administrator or faculty member to oversee the overall academic program and well-being of the students, and to work directly with CU.

D. SDSU-Office of International Affairs (SDSU-OIA) will provide CU with a list of anticipated costs each year.

E. SDSU-OIA will provide CU with application materials, updated cost information and pre-departure information by email.

F. SDSU-OIA will provide each admitted student with the documents necessary to apply for a U.S. student visa at the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate overseas. The visa type will be a F-1.

G. SDSU-OIA will provide orientation activities during the first days of the CU students' arrival to include introductions to staff/teachers, academic orientation, orientation to housing and meals, review of the schedule, orientation to campus facilities, explanation of rules and regulations, and campus tour.

H. The SDSU-OIA will arrange for airport pickup on arrival day each semester.

III. CU RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. CU will have each participant fill out an SDSU application form and, should the participant prefer on-campus housing, a residential room application form and will submit all necessary application documents.

B. CU will have each participant pay the applicable tuition, fees, and related costs for the credits in which they enroll at SDSU, directly to SDSU. The rate of tuition charged will be non-resident, and all mandatory and course/discipline fees will be assessed.

C. CU will advise each participant to provide for the participant's international travel to Brookings, SD, including all airport transfers and taxes.

D. CU will advise each participant to arrange for visas and related travel documents.

E. Each CU student will pay directly and separately to their student account designated by SDSU.

F. CU students will obtain major medical insurance coverage through SDSU's International Student Accident & Medical Insurance Plan.

G. CU will have participants comply with all university rules and regulations.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATORS

Each institution shall designate an individual who will serve as coordinator for this agreement. The coordinator will be responsible for maintaining, revising, and/or and renewing the agreement, as appropriate. In addition, each institution shall name at least one academic contact, and this person will coordinate the specific aspects of the agreement.

The following individuals at each institution will be responsible for coordinating this agreement:

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The individuals in the positions listed above agree to respond to inquiries and correspondence from the partner institution in a timely and efficient manner.

V. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

A. This agreement shall be valid for a period of five years. This agreement will be effective upon signature of the responsible authority of each institution and may be terminated by either party by given written notice to the other institution 90 days in advance of the date of termination. A termination of the agreement will not affect persons who have already begun a 2+2 program under its provisions.

B. Matters not provided in this agreement shall be decided by mutual agreement between the two institutions. Additional joint activities, such as student or faculty exchange, will require the execution of a separate agreement.

C. Modifications of this agreement shall be made in the form of a written addendum signed by both parties.

D. Nothing in the above agreement shall be construed as being legally binding.

E. This agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority for this purpose from the Legislature of the State of South Dakota. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or if funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

In the spirit of international friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures:

for South Dakota State University   for Chandigarh University

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Barry H. Dunn, President   Prof. (Dr.) R.S. Bawa, Pro Chancellor

4-25-22
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Date: Date: