

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – G
DATE: August 2-4, 2022

SUBJECT

Request to Seek Accreditation – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 1:10](#) – Relationship of Curriculum and Instruction to Statutory Objectives

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Board of Regents Policy 1:10 specifies that “Each campus must seek and receive Board approval before applying for initial accreditation or an expanded scope of accreditation for academic programs.” In accordance with Board policy, South Dakota State University requests approval to seek accreditation from the following accrediting agencies:

Accrediting Agency: American Society of Animal Science

Program: BS in Animal Science

Advantages: Accreditation will verify the program’s quality and capacity for training students who are prepared to enter diverse professional positions upon graduation or continue their education in professional degree programs. Additionally, accreditation provides an opportunity to evaluate current performance, set goals, and implement a plan for improvement.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, awards institutional accreditation for higher education institutions in South Dakota. A variety of unique organizations award specialized/program accreditation within distinct programs or departments at Regental institutions. A general reference document on institutional and specialized/program accreditation is available on the BOR website at the link below.

- [Special Analysis: Accreditation in Higher Education](#)

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

SDSU anticipates a one-time application fee of \$5,000 for initial accreditation, and an annual renewal fee of \$2,000 to be covered through department program fees.

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DRAFT MOTION 20220802_6-G:

I move to approve SDSU’s request to seek accreditation from the American Society of Animal Science for their BS in Animal Science.

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Board staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU Request to Seek Accreditation Form: American Society of Animal
Science

Request to Seek Accreditation Under BOR Policy

1. Institution: South Dakota State University2. Program(s) seeking accreditation: Animal Science

3. Level of program(s) involved in accreditation:

<u> </u>	Certificate	<u> </u>	Master's Degree
<u> </u>	Associate Degree	<u> </u>	Doctoral Degree
<u> x </u>	Bachelor's Degree		

4. Accrediting Agency: American Society of Animal Science*NOTE: Use additional pages if needed to address the following questions.***5. What are the advantages of accreditation?**

Accreditation will verify the program's quality and capacity for training students who are prepared to enter diverse professional positions upon graduation or continue their education in professional degree programs. Additionally, accreditation provides an opportunity to evaluate current performance, set goals and implement a plan for improvement.

6. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A) Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation.
Preparation for the accreditation will be done in conjunction with the department's Institutional Program Review. No additional preparation costs are anticipated.

B) Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits.

Application fee is \$5,000. This covers direct costs of site visits. Ideally, the accreditation visit will be scheduled jointly with the Institutional Program Review peer visits, potentially reducing the IPR costs.

C) Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE).

Annual accreditation fee is \$2,000. No additional FTE anticipated.

7. What is the source of the resources needed?

Department program fees.

8. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?

Intent to apply: July or August 2022 (deadline of September 1)

Complete application: March 2023

Institutional Authorization (President)

 6-1-22
Signature Date