

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Informational Items
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – R
DATE: March 29-30, 2022

SUBJECT

Interim Actions of the Executive Director

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 1:5](#) – Executive Director

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval

[BOR Policy 5:4](#) – Purchasing

[BOR Policy 6:6](#) – Maintenance and Repair

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Per BOR Policy, the Executive Director is granted authority to act on and/or authorize approval of various requests on behalf of the Board. In instances where these actions occur, the Executive Director shall provide to the Board a summary of these requests and approvals at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

A portion of the interim actions of the Executive Director often include authorizing maintenance and repair projects submitted by the campuses whose costs range between \$50,000 and \$250,000 using institutional funds, donations, or funds not previously approved by the Board. Other finance-related action may also be the purchase of assets between \$250,000 and \$500,000 as well as any emergency approval of maintenance and repair projects.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The list provided in Attachment I summarizes the interim actions taken by the Executive Director, or his designee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Interim Actions of the Executive Director

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

INTERIM ACTIONS

Maintenance and Repair Projects

(\$50,000 - \$250,000)

Northern State University

Beulah Williams Library – Roof Replacement: NSU requests the use of \$175,000 of HEFF funds to the project cost increase due to roof bids coming in higher than expected.

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

O’Harra Building – Stairs: SDSMT requests the use of \$320,000 in local funds and \$280,000 in General Funds to complete the emergency reconstruction of O’Harra Stairs. The increase in project cost was due to the project bid coming in higher than expected. SDSMT plans to include this project in its FY23 General Funds M&R list to cover the \$320,000 of local funds used.

South Dakota State University

Briggs Library – HVAC Upgrades: SDSU requests approval to use \$200,000 in local funds to hire an Architecture and Engineering firm for the planning and preliminary design of the Briggs Library HVAC improvements project. SDSU would solicit for full design services and select an Architecture and Engineering firm utilizing the State required competitive selection process. The probable scope of work would include upgrading equipment to meet minimum code specified airflow rates, improve air filtration, replace air conditioning coils, modify outside air intakes, improve temperature and humidity control and commission the system to verify it is functioning as designed. Once the Architect/Engineer has better defined the full scope and cost estimate of this project, a revised work request will be submitted.

CMP – Band Tower Installation: SDSU requests approval to utilize \$58,000 of private funds for the full design and construction of an engineered cast in place pier foundation to be poured approximately 500 ft east of the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center on the main campus of SDSU. The foundation footing will support a pre-engineered and prefabricated steel tower for use in instruction of marching band activities. The tower will be a total height of twenty-six feet. The work will be completed with standing contractors and the tower installed by the manufacturer. Construction oversight and management will be from SDSU Facilities and Services.

CMP – Water Service Update to Crop Research Plots: SDSU requests the use of \$60,000 in private funds for the full design and construction of a 4” frost free domestic cold-water line to replace the current 2” seasonal water line for irrigation of research plots. This project would install a series of 12 frost free hydrants for use by researchers as well as a man-hole style meter access pit. The project site is approximately 800 feet east of the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center and would connect to the existing 6” water main along the north side of University Boulevard. The total length of the water line would be 1,200 feet. Work would be completed with standing contracts and the project would be managed by SDSU Facilities and Services.

Wagner Hall Restroom Accessibility Upgrades: SDSU requests the use of \$140,000 in General Funds and \$100,000 in other funds to improve accessibility in Wagner Hall restrooms 249C, 244, and 253. Work would include minor upgrades in restroom 249C and full renovation in restrooms 244 and 252 to meet current ADA standards. Design and construction work would be performed by agency labor. SDSU is requesting delegation for this project.

Wintrode Center – Opportunity Center Office Construction: SDSU requests the use of \$48,000 of local funds to add an enclosed office for the newly formed Student Opportunity Center in the open office area within room 120 of the Wintrode Student Success Center. The work would include general carpentry, interior finishes, power, data, lighting, and HVAC modifications. SDSU requests delegation of this project.

University of South Dakota

Dakota Hall – Counseling Center Renovation: USD requests approval to use \$74,100 in general funds for the full design, cost estimate, and contract administration for a renovation of first floor space. This space currently houses USD’s Dental Hygiene Clinic and once they relocate to the new Health Sciences building, the Counseling Center will be relocated from Cook Hall to Dakota Hall. The proposed project budget is \$750,000, which will be included in a FY23 M&R project list.

Capital Asset Purchase (greater than \$250,000)

South Dakota State University

Octet R8: Using a combination of NSF grant, AES, Discipline Fee, and Indirect funds, SDSU requests the authority to purchase the Octet R8 system for an estimated cost of \$281,361.41. The system detects molecular interaction among a diverse range of biomolecules from small molecules to proteins to mammalian cells. The system utilizes Bio-Layer Interferometry (BLI) technology, offering an advanced fluidics-free approach with a wide variety of off-the-shelf Dip and Read biosensors for rapid binding kinetics and quantitation analysis. The Octet R8 will be house in a multiuser facility and can be accessed by multiple laboratories to support their Biomolecular Research and Education. 70% of this purchase is funded by the NSF MRI program.

Clerical BOR Policy Updates

BOR Policy 4:14 – Faculty Remediation and Remediation Procedures – was updated on January 12, 2022, to correct the following clerical edit (noted in red below) in Section 1.B.1.a and 1.B.1.b:

1. Corrective Action:
 - a. Verbal warnings or directives which do not constitute ~~Punitive~~-Discipline; or
 - b. Written warnings or directives to be filed with the personnel file of the faculty member which do not constitute ~~Punitive~~-Discipline.

Course Modifications

Since the approval of the revisions to BOR Policy 2:23 at the March 2017 BOR meeting, all subsequent course modifications approved by the System Vice President for Academic Affairs can be found on the Institutional Curriculum Requests webpage at the following link:

https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/academics/aac/Institutional_Curriculum_Requests/Pages/default.aspx

Substantive Program Modifications

Since the approval of the revisions to BOR Policy 2:23 at the March 2017 BOR meeting, all subsequent substantive program modifications approved by the System Vice President for Academic Affairs can be found on the Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests webpage at the following link:

https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/academics/aac/Sub_Program_Mod_Requests/Pages/default.aspx

Reduced Tuition Externally Sponsored Courses

All requests for reduced tuition externally sponsored courses approved by the System Vice President for Academic Affairs can be found on the Special Tuition Rates Requests webpage at the following link:

https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/academics/aac/Special_Tuition_Rate_Requests/Pages/default.aspx

Contracts Requiring Action by the Executive Director

All academic agreements approved by the System Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs can be found on the Miscellaneous Academic Agreements and Contracts webpage at the following link:

<https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/academics/aac/Academic-Agreements-Contracts/Pages/Miscellaneous.aspx>