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AGENDA ITEM: 7 – D (3)

DATE: June 28-30, 2016

SUBJECT: New Certificate: USD Certificate in Bioethics

The University of South Dakota (USD) requests authorization to offer a graduate certificate in Bioethics. The certificate is designed for medical students and is in recognition of a need for professionals with bioethics experience, including informed decision making in health and human services problems. The proposed curriculum does not require the addition of any new courses and consists of twelve credit hours. USD is not requesting new resources.

DRAFT MOTION 20160628_7-D(3): I move to approve DSU's graduate Certificate in Bioethics as described in Attachment I.

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Certificate Request**

This form is to be used to request approval for a new certificate program that includes currently offered courses. A certificate program is not a major or minor. Refer to BOR policy 2:23 Certificate Programs.

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| USD | SSOM | <i>Elizabeth M. Freeburg</i> | 5/9/2016 |
| Institution | Division/Department | Institutional Approval Signature | Date |

1. Name of Program: Bioethics

2. Provide a justification for the program.

A certificate in Bioethics provides advanced training in the critical physician skills of ethical judgement, professionalism and leadership, which will prepare the motivated student for leadership as they enter residency and practice. A regional and national need exists for professionals with bioethics experience¹. With training in bioethics students are prepared to facilitate informed decision making in the face of complicated health and human service problems upon graduation. The proposed certificate has an emphasis on practice-based implications for health-related decision making and places a particular focus on professionalism and medical ethical issues that arise in rural and underserved settings.

3. Who is the audience for the program?

The audience for this certificate is limited to medical students. A Certificate in Bioethics would be a significant accomplishment for any medical student to add to their *curriculum vitae* as they apply for residency programs.

4. List the courses to be completed, the credit hours of each course, and the total number of credit hours required for the program.

| <u>Prefix & #</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Credit Hrs</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| NEUR 824 | Clinical Ethics | 1 |
| NEUR 850 | Advanced Studies in Bioethics | 3 |
| NEUR 851 | Ethics, Professionalism, and Leadership | 3 |
| NEUR 852 | Ethical Foundations for Clinical Research | 3 |
| FAMP 812 | Healer's Art | 1 |
| Elective | (chosen from existing ethics electives) | 1 |
| Total Credit Hours Required | | 12 |

5. Proposed CIP code 51.3201

6. Effective Date of Certificate Program Spring 2017

¹ Cook, A., & Hoas, H. (2001). Voices from the margins: A context for developing bioethics-related resources in rural areas. *American Journal of Bioethics* 1 (3) 1-20.