SUBJECT: NSU and SDSU – Intent to Collaborate

Northern State University and South Dakota State University are developing a collaborative arrangement which will lead to the offering of joint programs and of programs unique to one institution on the partner’s campus. While this is an informational item to make the Board aware of these developments, the campuses recognize that some specific programmatic offerings that arise under this umbrella may require Board approval.
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To: Sam Gingerich, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
    South Dakota Board of Regents
From: Laurie Nichols, Provost, SDSU  
    Tom Hawley, Provost, NSU

RE: Intent to Collaborate

Northern State University and South Dakota State University intend to develop collaborative agreements for mutually beneficial program offerings. The need was voiced by regional employers where they identified workforce shortages in expertise which neither university was independently equipped to address. For example, many banks have indicated shortages in ag finance. While Northern offers a banking degree, SDSU offers agricultural economics. It is the combination of these two degrees that would produce the most highly qualified ag finance officers.

It is the intent of NSU and SDSU administration and faculty to develop the following:

**Dual degree offerings:**
- B.S. from Northern in Accounting and B.S. from SDSU in Economics, Ag Economics or Agribusiness
- B.S. from Northern in Banking and B.S. from SDSU in Ag Economics

**And:**
- Minor in Aviation from SDSU offered to students at Northern—any major

In the next month faculty will be meeting to determine the best course of action for curriculum requirements and delivery methods for each of these programs. At that time, should program changes be necessary, appropriate curriculum will be prepared and processed. It is our hope to have these programs available by fall, 2013.