SUBJECT:  Revisions to Terminal Degrees – BHSU and SDSU

Black Hills State University is asking that the MFA be added as a recognized terminal degree in English with the caveat that this degree is recognized solely for composition and creative writing positions only. This request is captured in the e-mail included on the next page.

South Dakota State University is requesting that two changes to the set of recognized terminal degrees be authorized. These are detailed in the attached letter.

South Dakota State University is asking that Nursing Practice be added as a distinct discipline with a terminal degree of DNP. As a note, the current discipline of Nursing should remain as is with terminal degrees of Ph.D., Ed.D. and Doc N Science.

South Dakota State University is asking that the current Medical Technology listing be updated to “Medical Laboratory Science” (name update). Also, they ask that terminal degrees recognize include the Ph.D., DCLS, and Ed.D. These degrees must be accompanied by a generalist ASCP MLS Certification. In sum, the recommended listing would be Ph.D., DCLS, Ed.D. in conjunction with MLS (ASCP).

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the revisions to the Terminal Degrees spreadsheet.
From: Custer, Rod
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 2:50 PM
To: Gingerich, Sam
Subject: FW: MFA as Terminal degree

Sam, BHSU would like to have a MFA in English qualify as a terminal degree for “composition and creative writing positions only.” My understanding is that this notification formally initiates the process of making this change and that it will be on our next AAC meeting agenda. Do I have it right?

Thanks much.

Rod
November 19, 2013

Sam Gingerich, PhD  
System Chief Academic Officer  
South Dakota Board of Regents  
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Dear Dr. Gingerich:

We are requesting two changes to the terminal degree table for South Dakota State University.

First, we would like to add to the table a line for Nursing Practice as the discipline column with a terminal degree of DNP. The current discipline of Nursing should remain as is with terminal degrees of Ph.D., Ed.D. and Doc N Science.

In addition, we also ask to update the current Medical Technology listing to “Medical Laboratory Science” (name update) and also update the terminal degree to Ph.D., DCLS, and Ed.D. Also, please note that the degree must be accompanied by a generalist ASCP MLS Certification. The appropriate listing in the table will be Ph.D., DCLS, Ed.D. in conjunction with MLS (ASCP).

With these changes, we feel the terminal degree table is more aligned with future faculty appointments. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Laurie Stenberg Nichols  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs