SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: II – D

DATE: April 2-3, 2014

SUBJECT: Black Hills State University Request to Name On-Campus Student Residences

Black Hills State University requests authorization to name the new residence hall after one of the three mountain peaks that overlooks the campus and the City of Spearfish, Crow Peak Hall, to employ related terminology for the complex where it will be situated, and to rename the apartment complex.

Board Policy No. 1:27 requires Board approval of “names of all new or existing campus facilities, such as roadways and buildings and additions (if they are to carry a different name from the original building), costing more than $250,000.”

After the Board approval, construction of a new residence hall BHSU sought recommendations for an appropriate name. BHSU faculty, staff, residence hall students, general student body, student life staff and admissions staff including their student diplomats, who give tours of campus, all submitted recommendations.

The name, Crow Peak Hall, reflects the history and culture of the local community. Spearfish is known as the Queen City, surrounded by a crown of three prominent mountain peaks: Lookout Mountain, Spearfish Mountain and Crow Peak.

With the addition of the new residence hall, BHSU will have a cluster of three halls, Heidepriem, Thomas and Crow Peak. BHSU proposes to carry forward the allusion to the surrounding peaks. This new complex of three residence halls will be referred to as “The Peaks” with the focus on a unified living/learning environment. The space connecting the three halls will serve as the general gathering space for all students in the three hall complex. It is to be called Lookout Lodge.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the designation of the new apartment building as Crow Peak Hall, the residential complex comprising Heidepriem, Thomas and Crow Peak halls as the Peaks, the space connecting the three halls as Lookout Lodge, and the apartment complex as the Yellow Jacket Apartments.
Historically, the on-campus apartments have been referred to as “The Apartments”. During the input process for the new hall, recommendations were received to rename the apartments. The requested name is Yellow Jacket Apartments.