

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: II – C

DATE: October 8-9, 2014

SUBJECT: Departmental Name Change – SDSU

Board of Regents [Policy 1:6 Appointment, Authority, and Responsibilities of Presidents and Superintendents](#) delegates authority to the presidents the responsibility to “Determine the overall administrative organization of the institutions” with the stipulation that the Board of Regents be notified of recommended changes. To comply with Board policy, South Dakota State University has submitted a request seeking authorization to change the name of the Department of Engineering Technology Management to the Department of Construction and Operations Management. This change reflects the key discipline areas of applied management in the department and clearly describes the degree programs provided. A letter outlining this request is attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve the renaming of the Department of Engineering Technology Management to the Department of Construction and Operations Management.



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Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Re: Name Change for ETM Department

Dear Provost Nichols:

The Department of Engineering Technology and Management (ETM) has experienced significant change in the past two years. The termination of our engineering technology programs in 2011, realignment/renaming of our Industrial Management undergraduate and graduate programs, and the growing importance of the Economics and Management Initiative has shifted the ETM department's focus and strategic direction.

Based on input from our Advisory Council, an environmental scan of units at other institutions, and discussion within the department, we request approval to change the name of the department to the **Department of Construction and Operations Management**. The new name reflects the key discipline areas of applied management in the department and clearly describes the degree programs we provide. This new name is amenable to our current accrediting body for the Construction Management program, American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) and is aligned with future plans for accreditation for Operations Management under the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

I would request the name change be made effective July 1, 2013, the start of the 2014 fiscal year. This will assure finance and budget has adequate time to update accounting functions. However, we would publicize this change on our website and in faculty search documents as early as January 2013, if this is amenable.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teresa J.K. Hall'.

Teresa J.K. Hall
Professor and Department Head

C: Dean Lewis Brown, College of Engineering