

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: II – D

DATE: October 8-9, 2014

SUBJECT: Request to Seek Accreditation – SDSU

Board of Regents [Policy 1:10 Relationship of Curriculum and Instruction to Statutory Objectives](#) specifies that “Each campus must seek and receive Board approval before applying for initial accreditation or an expanded scope of accreditation for academic programs.” In accordance with Board policy, South Dakota State University requests approval to seek accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition Dietetics for its M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics Internship program (Attachment I). SDSU is currently the only institution in South Dakota with an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). Graduates are unable to obtain licensure in South Dakota unless they are a credentialed registered dietitian, and this credential can only be obtained through the completion of an accredited internship and subsequent sitting for and passing the national certification exam.

South Dakota State University also requests approval to seek accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design for its B.S. in Studio Art (Attachment II).

Achieving these accreditations will demonstrate that the programs offered by SDSU meet the professional standards, rigor and quality of other similar programs nationwide. In addition, these requests support the institution’s commitment to pursue accreditation for all programs where this is possible.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve SDSU’s requests to seek accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition Dietetics for its M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics Internship program and from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design for its B.S. in Studio Art.

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Request to Seek Accreditation Under BOR Policy

1. Institution: South Dakota State University

2. Program(s) seeking accreditation: Nutrition and Dietetics Internship program

3. Level of program(s) involved in accreditation:

<u> </u> Certificate	<u> X </u> Master's Degree
<u> </u> Associate Degree	<u> </u> Doctoral Degree
<u> </u> Bachelor's Degree	

4. Accrediting Agency: Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)

NOTE: Use additional pages if needed to address the following questions.

5. What are the advantages of accreditation?

South Dakota State University is the only institution in South Dakota that has an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). Students graduating from our DPD program are then eligible to apply to an accredited dietetic internship. Currently, the only accredited internship in South Dakota is offered through the Center for Disabilities, School of Medicine at USD. Because of a recent rule change by the Commission on Dietetic Registration [CRD] by 2024 all internship programs must be affiliated with an accredited master's degree program. Because of this, USD Center for Disabilities will be terminating the dietetics internship program and have agreed to transition it to SDSU.

Nationally, the acceptance rate into accredited dietetic internships is approximately 50%. The current USD internship site accepts 10-15 students annually. These students are from all over the US, but typically 50-75% of the placements are filled with SDSU dietetics students. An additional 15-20 SDSU dietetics students apply for and are accepted into internships across the US. Historically, non-residents who are accepted into the current USD internship do not seek post-graduate employment in South Dakota. They return to their home states or region. However, our SDSU students who go out of state for their internships typically do **not** return to South Dakota. They frequently find jobs in the area of their internship and relocate. SDSU students who intern in South Dakota typically remain in the state and provide valuable health care throughout our communities. Registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN) are **licensed** nutritionists in the state of South Dakota and this credential is required to deliver reimbursable therapeutic nutrition counseling to individuals. Graduates are unable to get licensed in South Dakota unless they are a credentialed registered dietitian, and this credential can only be obtained through the completion of an accredited internship and subsequent sitting for and passing the national certification exam. In addition, RDNs also have expertise in institutional foodservice management and operations for health care and schools, another critical need in South Dakota. RDNs are trained in nutrition counseling and wellness programming, which are critical services in relation to obesity prevention and other health crises.

6. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A) Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation.

The self-study is currently being performed. We have contracted with an individual to help with the writing of the self-study (\$3000). Additional costs include printing, travel, etc. (\$500).

B) Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits.

The cost associated with the site visit is approximately \$6000.
The annual accreditation fee for 2015 is \$1750, for 2016 it is \$1850.

C) Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE)

It is required by accreditation standards that an individual will be assigned to serve as the dietetic internship director. We will hire an individual at the instructor level who will serve as the director of the internship program (50%) and also instruct (50%) classes associated with the internship program and the nutrition and dietetics program. The salary/fringe benefits for this individual will be obtained through the internship fees and through an increase in tuition and program fee revenue resulting from an increase in graduate student enrollment and credit hour production.

7. What is the source of the resources needed?

We will propose that dietetic interns be charged an \$8000 internship fee. We will accept up to 15 students per year. The fee will cover, in part, the salary of the director, travel, supplies, accreditation fees, etc. Additional resources will be obtained through new program fees and tuition and fees.

8. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?

November, 2014

David L. Chicoine 8-21-2014
Institutional Authorization (President)

Request to Seek Accreditation Under BOR Policy

1. Institution: South Dakota State University

2. Program(s) seeking accreditation: Studio Art

3. Level of program(s) involved in accreditation:

	Master's Degree
	Doctoral Degree
X	Bachelor's Degree

4. Accrediting Agency: National Association of Schools of Art and Design

NOTE: Use additional pages if needed to address the following questions.

5. What are the advantages of accreditation?

Accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) ensures that SDSU's studio art program meets professional standards and provides an education comparable to other accredited programs across the country. The self-study and site visit will rigorously assess the studio art curriculum against standards established by NASAD. The specific standards address:

1. Establishing national standards for studio art education, which are necessary to develop academic and professional competence studio practice.
2. Fostering the development of studio art instruction of the highest quality while encouraging varied and experimental approaches in the teaching of design and art.
3. Ensuring that the studio art curriculum, facilities, and faculty are of the highest standards as judged by experience national examiners.
4. Assuring students, parents and employers that competent teachers, adequate physical facilities and equipment, sound curriculum are in place capable of maintaining our stated objectives.
5. Encouraging regular self-evaluation and continued study towards improvement.
6. Inviting and encouraging cooperation of professional art and design groups, individuals of reputation in the field of studio art, thru formation of appropriate curricula and standards.
7. Providing the state and region a national voice to influence matters pertaining to studio art education as it affects member schools and their stated objectives.

Gaining accreditation will heighten recruitment and retention in the program as accreditation signifies that the program meets accepted standards of quality. An accredited program will also facilitate graduate study and job placement for graduates as employers can be confident of the depth and breadth of learning outcomes demonstrated by graduates.

6. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:**A) Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation.**

- Faculty accreditation training (four faculty to attend the NASAD accreditation conference, October 15)...\$1008 per faculty member X 4 faculty members = \$4032 TOTAL
- Summer 2016 faculty stipends for four (needed to prepare for consultants visit) ...\$10000
- Work study assistance...\$500
- Printing and Graphic Materials...\$1000
- Pre-visit Consultant Fee: \$600 per day, one member team 3 days...\$1800
- Pre-visit Consultant Expenses: travel, food, lodging etc....\$1300

B) Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits.

- NASAD site visit: \$600 per day per person for 3 member team for 3 days...\$5400
- NASAD site visit expenses: travel, food, lodging, secretarial assistance etc. @ \$1300 per team member...\$3900

C) Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE).

- NASAD yearly accreditation dues are \$1859

7. What is the source of the resources needed?

For FY14 the department received a \$40,000 base increase so it could address resource needs for accreditation. These resources will be deployed to address the costs outlined above.

8. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application? Fall 2016

David L. Chicoine

Institutional Authorization (President)

08/22/14

Signature Date