

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: III – E

DATE: June 10-11, 2015

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 American Alliance of Museums Accreditation Commission (AAM) for its South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum (Attachment I).

Achieving this accreditation will increase the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage’s Museum’s credibility and value to funders, policy makers, insurers, community and peers. It will provide a powerful tool to leverage change and help facilitate artifact loans between institutions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve SDSU’s requests to seek accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums Accreditation Commission (AAM) for its South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum.

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Request to Seek Accreditation Under BOR Policy

1. Institution: South Dakota State University

2. Program(s) seeking accreditation: SD Agricultural Heritage Museum

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

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

4. Accrediting Agency: American Alliance of Museums Accreditation Commission (AAM) [formerly known as American Association of Museums]

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

5. What are the advantages of accreditation?

Accreditation increases the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum's credibility and value to funders, policy makers, insurers, community and peers. Accreditation is a powerful tool to leverage change and helps facilitate artifact loans between institutions.

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

A) Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation.
\$3000

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

Site visit is estimated at \$1,700 – 2,500 depending on the travel costs.

The AAM membership at the \$500 level waives the annual accreditation participation fee.

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

The reclassification of staff from CSA to NFE will require an increase in the museum's base budget to \$27958. This includes filling the Education Coordinator's vacancy. The coordinator will be essential in developing the educational outreach component required in the accreditation application.

7. What is the source of the resources needed?

SDSU Strategic Reinvestment Funds: request pending for \$27958.

Self-study fee: Grant through Institute for Museum and Library Services

Site visit costs: SD Agricultural Heritage Museum Foundation Funds

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

2018

Institutional Authorization (President)

David L. Chioini

Signature Date