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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: II – E (2)

DATE: June 10-11, 2015

SUBJECT: New Certificate Request: BHSU Certificate in Social Resiliency

Black Hills State University (BHSU) requests authorization to offer a certificate in Social Resiliency. Students would study changing social, economic, political, and environmental factors and related challenges. The certificate would appeal to students in a variety of disciplines, including Sociology, Psychology, and Human Services, and those intending to work in professions such as ministry, social activism, rural development, and human services. The certificate requires 12 credit hours and no new courses.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Approve BHSU's new certificate request for a Social Resiliency Certificate as described in Attachment I.

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Certificate Request**

This form is to be used to request approval for a new certificate program that includes currently offered courses. A certificate program is not a major or minor. Refer to BOR policy 2:23 Certificate Programs.

BHSU

Sociology/Behavioral
Sciences

Institution

Division/Department



Institutional Approval Signature

4/28/15

Date

1. **Name of Program:** Social Resiliency

2. Provide a justification for the program.

Social resiliency refers to the ability of groups and systems to bounce back from changing social, economic, political, and environmental challenges – often this is called social sustainability. The 21st century is a time of rapid and accelerating change throughout the globe. A society can respond to these challenges by building upon the diverse interests, skills, and resources found in its citizens and organizations. This certificate in Social Resiliency is meant to provide the background to and skills for using social resiliency to deal with the challenges we face in our ever-changing globalized world.

3. Who is the audience for the program?

Social resiliency would have interest for a broad segment of citizens of this region, including community members interested in issues of social sustainability including professions such as the ministry, social activists, individuals working with juvenile delinquents and adult criminals, rural development professionals, environmentalists, human service professionals, those working with the elderly, etc., and BHSU students with like interests. Sociology, Psychology, and Human Services majors in particular will benefit at the university as they expand their knowledge, provide additional training for those interested in attending graduate school in one of the Behavioral Sciences including Social Work as well as those in the Natural Sciences, Sustainability, and Business, Nursing and many other professions that wish to supplement their training with a social component.

4. List the courses to be completed, the credit hours of each course, and the total number of credit hours required for the program.

Prefix & #	Title	Credit Hrs
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
SOC 151	Social Issues in Sustainability	3.0
SOC 462	Population Studies	3.0
SOC 463	Environmental Sociology	3.0
	or	
SOC 440	Urban Sociology	

Total Credit Hours Required 12.0

5. **Proposed CIP code 30.3301**
6. **Effective Date of Certificate Program Summer 2015**