

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Board Work

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – E

DATE: August 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Board Materials – Electronic and Paper Delivery

The Executive Director and staff want to provide the Board of Regents the information it needs to make sound decisions. In order to do that, the Board is asked to discuss possible changes to the way in which information is provided.

Generally, Board agenda items are structured in such a way that the cover page provides an executive summary of the topic (as well as a draft motion for consideration when action must be taken). Information beyond the cover page provides additional detail that Board members can access if they have questions or want to learn more about why a certain conclusion was reached or recommended action was proposed.

However, the current convention, although inclusive, results in lengthy Board packets. The bulk of information has been deemed helpful by some members. Other members have found the detailed information unnecessary and even confounding to the prioritization of their review.

In order to circumvent the bulk of paper copies, each Board member has been provided the opportunity to receive meeting materials electronically. Some members have opted for this method of material delivery, while others feel more comfortable with paper in hand.

It was recently suggested that a hybrid method be offered. Rather than receiving all materials hard copy or electronically, Board members could opt to receive the cover pages of the Board materials via hard copy. If these members were interested in reviewing additional supporting information, they could access the information electronically on the South Dakota Board of Regents' website (www.sdbor.edu).

INFORMATIONAL ITEM