

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Regents Central Office (Teleconference)
Pierre, South Dakota
February 22, 2019**

The South Dakota Board of Regents convened by teleconference at 4 p.m. Central Time on February 22, 2019, with the following members in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Lucas Lund – PRESENT
David Mickelson – PRESENT
Jim Morgan, Secretary – PRESENT
Pam Roberts – PRESENT
Randy Schaefer – ABSENT
Jim Thares – PRESENT
Joan Wink – PRESENT
John Bastian, Vice President – PRESENT
Kevin Schieffer, President – PRESENT

Also present were Dr. Paul B. Beran, Executive Director and CEO; members of the system office and other members of the regental system.

Regent Bastian called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 4 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Dr. Janelle Toman, System Director of Communications, said it is the end of Week 7 of the legislative session. Committees were busy this week, and we expect the bill load to be heavy on the House and Senate floors early next week. Monday is the final day for House bills to pass the House and Senate bills to pass the Senate.

Dr. Toman and Nathan Lukkes offered updates on three bills we are keeping close track of:

- HB 1087 (promote intellectual diversity at certain institutions of higher education) – This bill passed favorably off the House floor Tuesday on a vote of 44-24. As amended, we still have grave concerns about this measure becoming law. The bill has been sent to the Senate, where it will be first heard in the Senate State Affairs Committee. It will be important that legislators in Senate State Affairs Committee representing campus communities are contacted about our concerns.
- SB 122 (restrict the enactment of policies governing the possession of firearms at public institutions of higher education) – This bill failed on a vote of 10-24 in the Senate floor Tuesday. After lengthy debate on the Senate floor, we picked up a few more ‘no’ votes from senators. Please be sure to let senators who voted against this bill know that we appreciate their support of our position.

- SB 116 (provide for an annual transfer of certain unobligated state general funds for the purpose of funding needs-based grants) – This bill was amended Thursday in Senate Appropriations Committee to allow for the annual transfer of certain unobligated state general funds to support needs-based grants to college students. Further amendments will be needed to get this bill in better form. This bill should be discussed on the Senate floor on Monday, February 25, 2019. In current form it would provide \$1 million of funding over four years, and would require a match from the institutions.

In other legislative action, House Bill 1244 to add public officials' memoranda, working papers, phone logs, and e-mail to the definition of public records was killed on a 10-1 vote in House State Affairs Wednesday. Dr. Monte Kramer reported that Rep. Chris Karr has decided not to pursue legislation this year that might limit state funding of BOR maintenance and repair projects.

On Wednesday, Gov. Noem signed into law SB 44 authorizing several SDSU land ownership transactions. Since the bill carried an emergency clause, the bill is effective immediately. Two other bills involving SDSU matters, transfer of the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory to the Animal Industry Board and authorizing the Vet 2+2 program, are still pending final action on the House floor. All other Board of Regents pre-filed bills are through the legislative process.

ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Schieffer, seconded by Regent Wink, to adjourn the meeting of the full Board at 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Lund – AYE
Mickelson – AYE
Morgan – AYE
Roberts – AYE
Schaefer – ABSENT
Thares – AYE
Wink – AYE
Bastian – AYE
Schieffer – AYE

Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.