The Board of Regents convened via teleconference at 4:00 p.m. on March 11.

ROLL CALL:

Kathryn Johnson, President - PRESENT  
Dean Krogman, Vice President - ABSENT  
Randy Schaefer, Secretary - PRESENT  
Terry Baloun, Regent - ABSENT  
James Hansen, Regent - PRESENT  
Harvey Jewett, Regent - PRESENT  
Randy Morris, Regent - ABSENT  
Carole Pagones, Regent - PRESENT  
Patrick Weber, Regent - PRESENT  

Also present were Jack Warner, Executive Director and CEO; Monte Kramer, System Vice President of Finance and Administration; James Shekleton, General Counsel; Janelle Toman, Director of Communications; Molly Weisgram, Executive Administrative Assistant; SDSM&T Acting President Duane Hrncir; Pat Mahon, SDSM&T Dean of Students, and Tim Henderson, SDSM&T Chief Financial Officer.

Regent President Johnson called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order and declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Jewett, seconded by Regent Hansen to approve the agenda as published.

ROLL CALL:

Johnson - AYE  
Krogman - ABSENT  
Schaefer - AYE  
Baloun - ABSENT  
Hansen - AYE  
Jewett - AYE  
Morris - ABSENT  
Pagones - AYE  
Weber - AYE  

The MOTION CARRIED.
Dr. Jack Warner introduced the item by explaining that because of anticipated strong freshmen and sophomore enrollments for the fall 2013 term, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has submitted a second request for authorization to negotiate with Technology Housing, LLC (Rocker Square) apartments to obtain placement to house 148 sophomore students for the 2013-2014 academic year and subsequent summer term.

He said that a prior request was submitted and reviewed at the December Board meeting; however, a request for updated projections delayed action. Housing and new application numbers remain at a double digit increase over the previous year supporting the request, creating a demand for additional required sophomore housing.

Pat Mahon, SDSM&T Dean of Students, clarified that the SDSM&T-owned housing options would be filled at 100% capacity before any students would be directed to Rocker Square. She reiterated that Rocker Square would only be for overflow sophomores.

Questions regarding percentages of instate versus out-of-state students were addressed. Dr. Mahon stated that last year, 48% of students were from out-of-state and 52% were in state, although there is a trend toward a growing out-of-state student population.

Dr. Mahon explained that student feedback is positive. Students want to be close to campus; however, lodging options are drawing them further from campus. The Rocker Square option keeps them close with the apartment-style housing they want.

Regents asked for and received clarification that this is a one-year lease agreement.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Jewett, seconded by Regent Pagones to authorize the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to enter into a lease agreement with Technology Housing, LLC (Rocker Square) for the calendar year, August 15, 2013 - August 15, 2014. SDSM&T will provide the Board with a recap of the finances at the end of the lease.

ROLL CALL:

Johnson - AYE
Krogman - ABSENT
Schaefer - AYE
Baloun - ABSENT
Hansen - AYE
Jewett - AYE
Morris - ABSENT
Pagones - AYE
Weber - AYE

The MOTION CARRIED.
ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Jewett, seconded by Regent Pagones to adjourn the meeting of the full board at 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Johnson - AYE
Krogman - ABSENT
Schaefer - AYE
Baloun - ABSENT
Hansen - AYE
Jewett – AYE
Morris - ABSENT
Pagones - AYE
Weber - AYE

The MOTION CARRIED.