

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Informational Items**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – P**  
**DATE: December 11-12, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**

**Interim Actions of the Executive Director**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 1.1.4](#) – Executive Director

[BOR Policy 2.3.2](#) – New Programs, Program Modifications, and Inactivation/Termination

[BOR Policy 5.4](#) – Purchasing

[BOR Policy 6.6](#) – Maintenance and Repair

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Per BOR Policy, the Executive Director is granted authority to act on and/or authorize approval of various requests on behalf of the Board. In instances where these actions occur, the Executive Director shall provide to the Board a summary of these requests and approvals at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

A portion of the interim actions of the Executive Director often include authorizing maintenance and repair projects submitted by the campuses whose costs range between \$50,000 and \$250,000 using institutional funds, donations, or funds not previously approved by the Board. Other finance-related action may also be the purchase of assets between \$250,000 and \$500,000 as well as any emergency approval of maintenance and repair projects.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The list provided in Attachment I summarizes the interim actions taken by the Executive Director, or his designee.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Interim Actions of the Executive Director

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**INTERIM ACTIONS****Maintenance and Repair Projects**

(\$50,000 - \$250,000)

**South Dakota School of Mines & Technology**

**Paleo Research Lab Emergency Heating Project:** SDSM&T requests the use of \$160,000 in deferred HEFF funds for the Paleo research lab emergency heating project. The Paleo building is heated by ~250 linear foot of direct bury hot water line going to the building from a steam heat exchanger under the O’Harra parking. We have a hot water leak underground on the closed system and we did some investigation but cannot find it. We need to install boilers at the building to ensure we do not freeze up the building this winter. This is an emergency request as the building currently has no heat. We plan to purchase the equipment at a cost of \$97,200 and then use the competitively bid contract for boiler, HVAC, and plumbing maintenance labor to install it. We would like this project delegated back to us.

**South Dakota State University**

**Berg Agriculture Hall Room Renovation:** SDSU is requesting the use of \$100,000 in Facilities & Administration indirect cost recovery from grants and \$100,000 of foundation funds for Berg Agriculture Hall renovation of room 166 for Executive Conference Room. Work will include full design and construction via a combination of internal resources and contracted services. Scope includes renovations of room 166 to create an executive conference room.

**Davis Dairy Plant Replace Cooling Tower:** SDSU is requesting to utilize \$116,000 of institutional plant funds to replace the Alfred dairy science cooling tower for the Davis dairy plant. The project is for full design and construction for the replacement of the existing cooling tower with a new model of the same size. Project will be constructed using SDSU’s standing mechanical and temperature control contractors. SDSU request delegation to the University.

**Barn Kiln Room Renovation:** SDSU is requesting an additional \$185,000 of plant art discipline fees for a project total of \$335,000 to renovate the Barn Kiln Room. The project will add two new kilns to the ceramic’s studio along with mechanical and electrical work. The project will also add a welding room to the West end of the building along with some demolition, new mechanical, and electrical equipment and epoxy floors.

<b>Executive Employment Approvals</b>
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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Employee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Current Salary</b>	<b>New Salary</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
BHSU	John Ginther	Associate Dean of Students	\$64,981	\$71,000	9.3%
SDSU	Jason Davis	Director of Systems Information	\$64,544	\$69,062	5%
SDSU	Ryan Christy	Associate Athletic Director for Development	\$57,200	\$65,000	13.6%
USD	Dan Engebretson	Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs	\$236,384	\$260,022	10%
USD	Travis Johansen	Associate Head Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator	\$124,239	\$136,663	10%