

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
December 11-12, 2024**

The South Dakota Board of Regents met on December 11-12, 2024, at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time and via Zoom* with the following members present:

ROLL CALL:

Brock Brown – PRESENT*
Judy Dittman – PRESENT
Randy Frederick – PRESENT
James Lochner – PRESENT
Randy Rasmussen – PRESENT
Pam Roberts – PRESENT
Douglas Morrison, Secretary – PRESENT
Jeff Partridge, Vice President – ABSENT
Tim Rave, President – PRESENT

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Nathan Lukkes, Board of Regents Executive Director and CEO; Liza Clark, Chief of Staff; Dr. Janice Minder, System Vice President for Academic Policy and Planning; Heather Forney, System Vice President of Finance and Administration; Kayla Bastian, Chief Human Resources Officer; Shuree Mortenson, Director of Communications; Dr. Pamela Carriveau, System Associate Vice President for Academic Programming; Katie Maley, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board; Barry Dunn, SDSU President; José-Marie Griffiths, DSU President; Steve Elliott, BHSU President; Lance Roberts, SDSMT Interim President; Dr. Neal Schnoor, NSU President; Sheila Gestring, USD President; Kami VanSickle, SDSD Director; and other members of the Regental system and public and media.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

Regent Rave declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MST.

1-B Approval of the Agenda

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Rasmussen, to approve the agenda as published. Motion passed.

1-C Declaration of Conflicts

There were no declared conflicts.

1-D Approval of the Minutes – October 2-3, 2024, November 14, 2024

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Rasmussen, to approve the minutes of the Board of Regents meetings October 2-3, 2024, and November 14, 2024. Motion passed.

1-E Motion to Dissolve into Executive Session

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Morrison, seconded by Regent Partridge, that the Board dissolve into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, to consult with legal counsel and discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, contractual matters, and marketing or pricing strategies by a board of a business owned by the State when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business.

That it rise from Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., and reconvene in public session, to resume the regular order of business, and that the Board report its deliberations while in executive session and take any action it deems prudent as a result thereof in public session on Thursday, December 12th. Motion passed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

The Board reconvened in public session at 9:00 a.m. MST.

3-A Report and Actions of Executive Session

The Board Dissolved into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11th, to consult with legal counsel and discuss personnel matters, pending and prospective litigation, contractual matters, and marketing or price strategies by a board of a business owned by the State when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business, before rising from executive session at 5:00 p.m.

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed the matters just described, which included certain recommended actions as set forth in the Secretary's Report and other matters permitted by law.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Morrison, seconded by Regent Roberts, that the Board approve the recommended actions as set forth in the secretary's report and publish said reports and official actions in the formal minutes of this meeting. Motion passed.

3-B Welcome Presentation by BHSU President Steve Elliott

President Steve Elliott welcomed the Board of Regents to Black Hills State University Campus. He provided a brief presentation highlighting some activities that have been happening on campus this year, regional partnerships they have been fostering, civics initiative, strategic enrollment plan, and that they have launched year one of three of their new marketing campaign.

3-C(1) BHSU Student Organization Awards

Dr. Jane Klug, BHSU Dean of Students along with Dr. John Allred, BHSU VP of Enrollment Management, presented the BHSU student organization award winners for 2023. Lakota Omnicitye accepted the award for academic excellence. The Future Teachers Association (FTA) accepted the award for community service. The Accounting Club (Kicking Assessts) accepted the award for organizational leadership.

A copy of the BHSU Student Organization Awards can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

3-C(2) SDSMT Student Organization Awards

Dr. Joseph Dlugos, SDSMT, Associate for Student Development and Dean of Students, along with Samantha Harkin, SDSMT Assistant Director of Student Engagement, presented the SDSMT student organization award winners for 2023. Lambda Chi Alpha accepted the award for academic excellence. Beta Delta Mu accepted the award for community service. Lambda Chi Alpha also accepted the award for organizational leadership.

A copy of the SDSMT Student Organization Awards can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

3-D Reports from Individual Presidents and Superintendents

No reports.

3-E Reports on Individual Regent Activities

Regent Frederick noted that he and Regent Lochner took a tour of the swine unit and various other ag units at SDSU since the last meeting. He also noted that a few weeks ago he, along with Regent Dittman and Regent Rave were present at NSU in Aberdeen for the accreditation review of their nursing program.

Regent Lochner noted that his main activity was his involvement in the SDSMT Presidential Search process recently. He felt that the process was excellent and far exceeded utilization of outside search funds and was surprised by the involvement of the various constituent groups throughout every stage.

Regent Morrison noted that he wanted to congratulate the two flagship institutions and their football teams having finished in the top four in the country, which is phenomenal.

Regent Rasmussen was invited to an international student organization meeting at USD with students from Ghana. It was a very interesting experience for him learning about their country and culture.

Regent Dittman echoed Regent Frederick's mention that the trip to Aberdeen for the NSU Nursing Accreditation was great. She congratulated President Schnoor and his staff for the wonderful handling of that process. Regent Rave also noted that he was impressed with the program accreditation process at NSU as well and how it relates to his everyday job in healthcare.

3-F Report of the Executive Director

Nathan Lukkes, Executive Director and CEO, thanked SDSU for the warm hospitality from Spearfish and BHSU while hosting the BOR meeting this week. He noted that on Monday this week was the welcome reception for new SDSMT President Brian Tande. The event was very well attended, and he looks forward to when Dr. Tande begins his new role in early January.

Governor Noem issued a new executive order (EO) at the end of November on internal controls that affects our system as well as other government agencies to ensure that funds are being utilized properly. Nathan commended her leadership and really digging into that area. He noted that this EO goes hand in hand with work we are already doing with our Audit Committee. We are looking forward to taking some of that training she is bringing forward and finding ways to supplement, include, and enhance our processes to keep trying to do better and be good stewards of the state.

President Elliott briefly mentioned the new civics initiative during his welcome, and Nathan noted he had the privilege of attending the Civics speaker event here at BHSU with Jeffrey Rosenthal and was impressed. He looks forward to seeing what the Center for Civic Engagement at BHSU has in store in the future.

Nathan also attended the Governor's Budget Address in Pierre. He noted that the BOR will continue to work to put the best interest of the state and the system at the forefront of our efforts.

In closing, he wished all students that are currently working to finish finals this week luck in their studies.

3-G Report from the Student Federation

Ethan Gladue (President) and Madelyn Siekmann (Vice President) provided an update on activities within the Student Federation. Since the last BOR meeting they have been busy with a survey they had sent out regarding the tuition freeze. The survey was out between October 28 through November 8 which received 2,189 responses across the Regental system. Ethan thanked the student federation members for their work on this survey; getting 2,000+ responses is no small task. The data collected was critical in getting a baseline understanding of how much the student population understood the tuition and fees process. Secondly, the Student Federation is also gearing up for the legislative session and the annual Students in Higher Education Day (SHED) at the Capitol on January 26th & 27th in Pierre.

3-H(1) Report from the BHSU Student Senate

Cassidy Vanden Hoek (President), Liza Stahl (Vice President) and Sage Wilson (Secretary) provided and update on recent activities in BHSU's Student Senate. Sage noted that they are currently working on investigating the usage of the General Activity Fee (GAF) and its potential impact on students. They have partnered with the Finance & Administration Department on campus to develop an educational campaign to inform students about GAF. The BHSU Student Senate is committed to ensuring that any decision is only made after the student body is well informed. They are working on compiling a comprehensive report that they hope to share with the Board once it is finished. Liza stated that noted that their student senate organized a car smash to help students alleviate stress in a fun way. The proceeds from that event will fund social events and team bonding exercises when they attend SHED in January. Liza also noted that they are pleased to announce that there are now seven new student organizations recognized on campus as of this fall, bringing their total number of active student organizations on campus to 43. Cassidy expressed her deep gratitude and appreciation for her fellow Student Association officers; she wouldn't have been able to get through the semester without them. She also noted that students have been putting in a lot of effort into the new Center for Civic Engagement by providing feedback through student focus groups and hosting various events and meetings with President Elliott. They have also been working on building relationships outside of campus and preparing for the legislative session. They invited local legislators to help assist them in learning how to conduct themselves with legislators, how to introduce themselves, etc.

Nathan Lukkes noted that he is a little envious of their car smash event and encouraged that if they would like to extend an invite to him for future events, he would love to attend.

3-H(2) Report from the SDSMT Student Association

Hagan Archer (President) and Clive Uy (Vice President) provided and update on the recent activities of the SDSMT Student Senate. They too are also preparing for the legislative session. Clive noted that they are exploring fundraising opportunities to be able to put together a fund to use to bring as many SDSMT student senate members to the capital for session as possible for them to be able to experience SHED. When they come back to campus on January 15 for the start of the new semester, they are planning a meeting with Regent Partridge as well as the mayor to prep for the upcoming legislative session and they are excited for that meeting.

4 Public Comment Period

Paula Jenson, used to teach at SDSMT for 2 years. She wanted to comment and advocate for the new undergraduate certificate for Gateway to Engineering that is on the agenda for discussion today. She firmly believes it will be of great benefit to students and help to grow the engineering industry in South Dakota.

CONSENT AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Lochner, to approve consent agenda items 5-A through 5-N as presented. Motion passed.

Academic and Student Affairs – Consent

5-A Graduation Lists

Approve the Fall 2024 graduation lists for BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSMT, SDSU, and USD contingent upon the students' completion of all degree requirements.

A copy of the Graduation Lists can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-B(1) New Program Request – DSU – Minor in Cyber Leadership & Intelligence

Authorize DSU to offer a minor in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence, as presented.

A copy of the New Program Request – DSU – Minor in Cyber Leadership & Intelligence can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-B(2) New Program Request – DSU – Minor in Quantum Computing for Cyber Security

Authorize DSU to offer a minor in Quantum Computing for Cybersecurity, as presented.

A copy of the New Program Request – DSU – Minor in Quantum Computing for Cyber Security can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-B(3) New Program Request – SDSMT – Minor in Quantum Information Science

Authorize SDSMT to offer a minor in Quantum Information Science, as presented.

A copy of the New Program Request – SDSMT – Minor in Quantum Information Science can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-B(4) New Program Request – SDSU – Healthcare Systems Engineering (BS)

Authorize SDSU to offer a BS in Healthcare Systems Engineering, as presented.

A copy of the New Program Request – SDSU – Healthcare Systems Engineering (BS) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-C(1) New Certificate Request – DSU – Cyber Operations (Graduate)

Authorize DSU to offer a graduate certificate in Cyber Operations, as presented.

A copy of the New Certificate Request – DSU – Cyber Operations (Graduate) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-C(2) New Certificate Request – SDSU – Global Agricultural Leadership (Undergraduate)

Authorize SDSU to offer an undergraduate certificate in Global Agricultural Leadership, as presented.

A copy of the New Certificate Request – SDSU – Global Agricultural Leadership (Undergraduate) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-C(3) New Certificate Request – SDSU – Rural Health (Undergraduate)

Authorize SDSU to offer an undergraduate certificate in Rural Health, as presented.

A copy of the New Certificate Request – SDSU – Rural Health (Undergraduate) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-D(1) New Specialization Request – DSU – Health Informatics – Computer Information Systems (BS)

Authorize DSU to offer a Health Informatics specialization within the BS in Computer Information Systems program, as presented.

A copy of the New Specialization Request – DSU – Health Informatics – Computer Information Systems (BS) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-D(2) New Specialization Request – SDSU – Health Promotion Specialization and Innovative Healthcare Leadership Specialization – Health Studies (BS)

Authorize SDSU to offer a Health Promotion specialization and an Innovative Healthcare Leadership specialization within the BS in Health Studies program, as presented.

A copy of the New Specialization Request – SDSU – Health Promotion Specialization and Innovative Healthcare Leadership Specialization – Health Studies (BS) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-E Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – DSU, SDSU & USD

Approve the program inactivation and termination requests from DSU, SDSU, and USD, as presented.

A copy of the Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-F Substantive Program Modifications Requiring Board Approval – SDSU

Approve the substantive program modifications from SDSU, as presented.

A copy of the Substantive Program Modifications Requiring Board Approval can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

5-G Revisions to Terminal Degree Table – SDSU

Approve the proposed revisions to AAC Guideline 2.7.1.B(1) – Terminal Degrees Table, as provided in Attachment I.

A copy of the Revisions to Terminal Degree Table can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-H Agreement on Academic Cooperation – SDSU

Approve South Dakota State University to finalize and execute the agreement on academic cooperation between SDSU and Bursa Uludağ University in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

A copy of the Agreement on Academic Cooperation can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-I(1) Articulation Agreements – South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Approve South Dakota School of Mines & Technology to finalize and execute articulation agreements with Casper College, Gillette College, and Northern State University in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

A copy of the Articulation Agreements with SDSMT can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-I(2) Articulation Agreements – University of South Dakota

Approve the University of South Dakota to finalize and execute the articulation agreement between USD and Western Iowa Tech Community College in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

A copy of the Articulation Agreements with USD can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

Budget and Finance – Consent

5-J SDLTAP Joint Powers Agreement – SDSU/SDDOT

Approve proceeding with the Joint Powers Agreement in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

A copy of the SDLTAP Joint Powers Agreement – SDSU/SDDOT can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-K Maintenance & Repair (M&R) Projects (Greater than \$250,000)

Approve the requested maintenance and repair projects as described in this item.

A copy of the Maintenance & Repair (M&R) Projects (Greater than \$250,000) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-L FY26 HEFF M&R Projects

Approve the FY26 HEFF M&R projects as presented in Attachment II.

A copy of the FY26 HEFF M&R Projects can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-M FY26 Auxiliary System M&R Projects

Approve the FY26 Auxiliary System M&R projects as presented in Attachment I.

A copy of the FY26 Auxiliary System M&R Projects can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-N FY26 AES M&R Projects

Approve the AES M&R projects for FY26 as requested.

A copy of the FY26 AES M&R Projects can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

Routine Informational Items – No Board Action Necessary

5-O Intent to Plan Requests

A copy of the Intent to Plan Requests can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-P Interim Actions of the Executive Director

A copy of the Interim Actions of the Executive Director can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-Q Building Committee Report

A copy of the Building Committee Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-R Capital Projects List

A copy of the Capital Projects List can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-S Audit Committee Report

A copy of the Audit Committee Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-T SDSU Football Stadium FY24 Financials

A copy of the SDSU Football Stadium FY24 Financials can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-U Reduced Tuition Annual Report

A copy of the Reduced Tuition Annual Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-V Student Accounts Receivable Report

A copy of the Student Accounts Receivable Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-W Auxiliary System Agreed Upon Procedures Report

A copy of the Auxiliary System Agreed Upon Procedures Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-X 2022-23 System General Education Report

A copy of the 2022-23 System General Education Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

5-Y 2023-24 System General Education Report

A copy of the 2023-24 System General Education Report can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

6-A BOR Policy Revisions Regarding Midterm Grades: Revised BOR Policy 2.1.1 – System Academic Year/Academic Calendar, and Revised BOR Policy 2.8.1 – Grades and Use of Grade Point Averages (First Reading)

Dr. Janice Minder, System VP for Academic Policy and Planning, stated that midterm grading is a process whereby faculty provide a DEF grade (deficiency grade) to document a student's progress in their courses typically at the half point in the semester. With renewal of the learning management solution (D2L Brightspace) this past cycle, the top D2L priority identified by stakeholders was to synchronize midterm and final grades with the student information system (Banner), allowing for grades to be automatically exported from one system to the other. If the adoption of the synchronization is supported and implemented, the DEF grade will no longer be supported due to the grading functionality. This request for grade synchronization prompted a full review of BOR Policy 2.1.1 and BOR Policy 2.8.1. The proposed revisions before the board for first review are a result of the recommended enhancements provided from the Academic Affairs Council following their review of the policies.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Lochner, to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BOR Policy 2.1.1 (System Academic Year/Academic Calendar) and BOR Policy 2.8.1 (Grades and Grade Point Averages), as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the BOR Policy Revisions Regarding Midterm Grades (First Reading) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

6-B Revised BOR Policy 2.3.7 – Undergraduate General Education (First Reading)

Dr. Janice Minder, System VP for Academic Policy and Planning, and Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, stated During the 2024 legislative session¹, the joint committee on appropriations submitted to Executive Director Lukkes a letter of intent regarding a Center for Civic Engagement. Within that letter, the Joint Committee on Appropriations outlined that the Regents should provide and make available courses that incorporate civics proficiency.

Dr. Carriveau, working with the universities and especially with Black Hills State University, has partnered to develop a goal and student learning outcomes (SLOs) to be integrated within the general education program as detailed within the agenda item.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Frederick, to approve first the incorporation of a civic proficiency requirement and approval of the goal and student learning outcomes as provided, and second, approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BOR Policy 2.3.7 – Undergraduate General Education, as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the Revised BOR Policy 2.3.7 – Undergraduate General Education (First Reading) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-C NSU & Southeast Tech Co-Admission and Co-Enrollment Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, and Dr. Mike Wanous, NSU Provost, noted Northern State University (NSU) seeks approval to enter into a Co-Admission and Co-Enrollment Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southeast Technical College (STC). The agreement seeks to expand access and cooperation to allow students to concurrently enroll at both NSU and STC. NSU has been working on this partnership for the past three years to create another pathway for their students.

The agreement would create collaborative systems to promote smooth transfer for students between institutions to optimize student success. Students will apply to STC and choose the option to be co-admitted to NSU. Those applications will be submitted to NSU. Students who are admitted to STC would be admitted to NSU, but would not be guaranteed admission to NSU programs with secondary admission requirements. Additionally, students who earn an Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts (AA), or Associate of General Studies (AGS) from NSU will have the option to be admitted to Associate of Applied Science (AAS) programs at STC.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Lochner, to approve the Co-Admission and Co-Enrollment Partnership Memorandum of Understanding between Northern State University and Southeast Technical College in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I. Motion passed.

A copy of the NSU & Southeast Tech Co-Admission and Co-Enrollment Partnership Memorandum of Understanding can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-D(1) New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Agriculture

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, stated that South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Agriculture. The proposed certificate will provide a jumpstart for South Dakota high school

students with a career interest in agriculture. Students will learn about different career paths in the agriculture, food and natural resources career cluster. The Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) cluster focuses on the production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture, and other plant and animal products/resources.

This certificate is part of a larger initiative to offer certificates to high school students through the High School Dual Credit (HSDC) program.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to authorize SDSU to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Agriculture, as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Agriculture can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-D(2) New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Engineering

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, stated that South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT) and South Dakota State University (SDSU) request authorization to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Engineering. The proposed certificate will provide an opportunity to engage South Dakota high school students about potential future careers in engineering. The certificate provides a foundation in general education courses relevant to the study of engineering while exploring the profession of engineering.

This certificate is part of a larger initiative to offer certificates to high school students through the High School Dual Credit (HSDC) program.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to authorize SDSMT and SDSU to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Engineering, as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Engineering can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-D(3) New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Business

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, stated that Black Hills State University (BHSU), Dakota State University (DSU), Northern State University (NSU), South Dakota State University (SDSU), and the University of South Dakota (USD) request authorization to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Business. The proposed certificate will provide a jumpstart for students with a career interest in business and provides knowledge about business programs within South Dakota Regental Institutions. Students will learn about the basics of business and communications while gaining hands-on experience.

This certificate is part of a larger initiative to offer certificates to high school students participating in the High School Dual Credit (HSDC) program.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to authorize BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSU, and USD to offer an undergraduate certificate in Gateway to Business, as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the New Undergraduate Certificate Requests – Gateway to Business can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-E(1) New Program Request – NSU – BS in Agricultural Business

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, introduced Dr. Erin Fouberg, NSU Associate VP for Academic Affairs, to present on this item. Northern State University (NSU) requests authorization to offer a BS in Agricultural Business. The proposed program will apply the fundamentals of business to agriculture and related industries. Students will study management of operations, financial analysis, data analytics, commodity markets, trade, and marketing through the program and apply and advance that knowledge in upper-level courses in agricultural business. The program includes a 3-credit internship in agricultural business where students apply what they learn with one of hundreds of agriculture business employers in the region. NSU will collaborate with South Dakota State University (SDSU), which will offer 12 credits of the program focused on agricultural economics.

Regent Lochner encouraged that faculty get intimately involved and understanding Ag business. It is critical to have a deep understanding of the real-life connections to businesses. Nathan Lukkes also echoed Regent Locher's sentiments and that he hopes to see more programs like this come forward in the future.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Lochner, to authorize NSU to offer a BS in Agricultural Business, as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the New Program Request – NSU – BS in Agricultural Business can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-E(2) New Program Request – USD – Executive Master of Business Administration (eMBA)

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, and Dr. Kurt Hackemer, USD Provost and VP for Academic Affairs, stated that the University of South Dakota (USD) requests authorization to offer an Executive Master of Business Administration (eMBA). The program, which will be offered in cohorts, will develop leaders through immersive, intensive, and transformative experience. The intention of the program is to provide knowledge and training that will significantly contribute to the current position held by the learner, as well as to support career trajectory and promotion. It will also benefit the strategic planning priorities of the organization.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to authorize USD to offer an Executive Master of Business Administration (eMBA), as presented. Motion passed.

A copy of the New Program Request – USD – Executive Master of Business Administration (eMBA) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-F(1) Requests to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, state that South Dakota State University requests approval to seek accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for their BS in Elementary Education and BS in Special Education programs.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve SDSU's request to seek accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for their BS degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. Motion passed.

A copy of the Requests to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

6-F(2) Requests to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF)

Dr. Pam Carriveau, System Associate VP for Academic Programming, stated that South Dakota State University requests approval to seek accreditation from the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) for their Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) Graduate Certificate program.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Dittman, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve SDSU's request to seek accreditation from the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) for their graduate certificate in Geospatial Intelligence. Motion passed.

A copy of the Requests to Seek Accreditation – SDSU – United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation (USGIF) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

7-A FY26 Legislative Session

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, and Holly Farris, System General Counsel, summarized that the item mostly focuses on the Governor's budget which was presented on December 3, 2024. Attachment I shows that the Governor is proposing a cut to the Board of Regents in the area of \$10.4 million dollars, with the majority being made up of \$9.1 million dollars in a reduction to our maintenance and repair (M&R). The Board of Regents participates, as the rest of state government does, in the goal of investing 2% of the investment, or of the appraised valuation of our buildings in M&R annually. Last year we were at 1.75% of the replacement value, and what the Governor is recommending in her proposed budget is to take us down to 1.25%, as she is doing with the rest of the state. On a positive note, the Governor is recommending a \$300,000 in base funding to support the USD/SSOM Emergency Medicine Residency. It is a very small investment by the state ongoing which will be supported by the healthcare industry moving forward. It is very important to workforce development here in South Dakota. There is also a proposed \$2 million dollar cut to the system as a whole. As we move more through the legislative process this session, we will know more about what that might entail and how it will impact campuses individually. There is also a proposed reduction in the Dakota Digital Network (DDN) of \$400,000. DDN is used very expansively in e-Learning at NSU. This money comes to the BOR system office to pay for DDN, so they are proposing a cut to the BOR office,

but then they would add a position and FTE at NSU to help with the scheduling of that program and then another roughly \$24,000 to the system office to help pay for some licenses that would take the place of DDN.

In one-time general fund requests, there is a significant benefit to our system in that about \$15.5 million dollars is being proposed to pay off the Precision Agriculture Building at SDSU and that would save some ongoing general funds.

Regent Roberts just wanted to state her disappointment in the reduction in budget for M&R. Regent Lochner echoed her sentiments.

A copy of the FY26 Legislative Session can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-B South Dakota Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2024

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, stated this item is authorization of issuing building authority bonds for the completion of the West River Health Science Center (BHSU-RC Project in Rapid City). Because it is an academic building, to finish the project these bonds have to be authorized through South Dakota Building Authority. It is an issuance of a little over \$5.1 million dollars for that project. At this point in time, very early indications are that total cost of issuance will be about 4.39%. That is all-in including any of the rating agencies and bond counseling. There will be about \$385,000 annual debt service on a 20-year bond.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Lochner to approve the Action Item 1 set forth in the body of this Board item.

ROLL CALL:

Brown – ABSENT
Dittman – AYE
Frederick – AYE
Lochner – AYE
Rasmussen – AYE
Roberts – AYE
Morrison – AYE
Partridge – ABSENT
Rave – AYE

Motion passed.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Roberts, to approve the Action Item 2 set forth in the body of this Board item.

ROLL CALL:

Brown – ABSENT
Dittman – AYE
Frederick – AYE
Lochner – AYE

Rasmussen – AYE
Roberts – AYE
Morrison – AYE
Partridge – ABSENT
Rave – AYE

Motion passed.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Lochner, to approve the Action Item 3 set forth in the body of this Board item.

ROLL CALL:

Brown – ABSENT
Dittman – AYE
Frederick – AYE
Lochner – AYE
Rasmussen – AYE
Roberts – AYE
Morrison – AYE
Partridge – ABSENT
Rave – AYE

Motion passed.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Roberts, to approve the Action Item 4 set forth in the body of this Board item.

ROLL CALL:

Brown – ABSENT
Dittman – AYE
Frederick – AYE
Lochner – AYE
Rasmussen – AYE
Roberts – AYE
Morrison – AYE
Partridge – ABSENT
Rave – AYE

Motion passed.

A copy of the South Dakota Building Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-C DSU Indoor Practice Facility – Facility Program Plan (FPP)

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, and Stacy Krusemark, DSU VP for Business and Administrative Services, stated that Dakota State University (DSU) requests approval

of its Facility Program Plan (FPP) for an indoor practice facility, with an estimated project cost of \$12,500,000. The project will be wholly funded by private donations. DSU currently has 541 total student athletes participating in 13 different sports. This facility would enable DSU to expand the number of student athletes in various programs and provide an enhanced training and competition experience.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Lochner, to approve DSU's Facility Program Plan for an indoor practice to be funded by private donations at a cost not to exceed \$12,500,000. Motion passed.

A copy of the DSU Indoor Practice Facility – Facility Program Plan (FPP) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-D USD Churchill Haines Facility Program Plan (FPP)

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, and Julie Kriech, USD VP of Finance and Administration, stated that the University of South Dakota (USD) seeks approval for its Facility Program Plan to renovate the Churchill-Haines Laboratory building, with an estimated budget of \$10,400,000. Significant updates are essential throughout the facility to meet modern standards and address necessary maintenance and repairs. This renovation will comprehensively revamp all previously unrenovated labs, classrooms, offices, corridors, conference rooms, restrooms, greenhouses, and the animal research area.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve USD's Facility Program Plan for the renovation of the Churchill-Haines Laboratory Building at a cost not to exceed \$10,400,000. Motion passed.

A copy of the USD Churchill Haines Facility Program Plan (FPP) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-E SDSU Energy Performance Contract Preliminary Facility Statement (PFS)

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, Mike Holbeck, SDSU VP of Finance and Budget, and Barry Mielke, SDSU Associate VP of Facilities & Services, stated that South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests approval of this Preliminary Facility Statement to engage an energy service company (ESCO) in an energy performance contract (EPC) to complete a systems audit, documentation of existing conditions, design, and bid for campus wide energy conservation improvements. SDSU also requests that a building committee be formed to select an energy service company. This project will combine a series of planned maintenance and repair projects to improve safety, reliability, and performance of facility systems and utility infrastructure across campus. The outcome will improve service performance, reliability, ease burdens on surrounding infrastructure and reduce emergency costs for the university and State of South Dakota.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve SDSU's Preliminary Facility Statement to engage in an energy performance contract funded by conservation loans repaid with energy savings or financed by the ESCO. A building committee representative should be appointed to select the ESCO. Motion passed.

A copy of the SDSU Energy Performance Contract Preliminary Facility Statement (PFS) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-F SDSU Swine Unit, Wean to Finish Barn Addition Facility Program Plan (FPP)

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, and Mike Holbeck, SDSU VP of Finance and Budget, stated that South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests approval of this Facility Program Plan (FPP) and formation of a building committee. To support the growing needs and success of the swine unit, a new 600-head wean-to-finish barn will be constructed. The barn will consist of two rooms, each capable of holding 300 animals. In addition to the animal holding areas, the facility will include a locker room, laundry, bagged feed storage, and load-out areas to support the swine unit's operations.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve the Facility Program Plan for SDSU's barn addition at an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 to be funded with private donations. A building committee representative should be appointed to oversee this project. Motion passed.

A copy of the SDSU Swine Unit, Wean to Finish Barn Addition Facility Program Plan (FPP) can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-G SDSU Master Ground Lease Amendment

Holly Farris, System General counsel, stated that South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests that the Board authorize an amendment to the Master Ground Lease between the SDBOR and the South Dakota State College Development Association. The lease was executed in June 2010 for the purpose of the association developing a residential site for fraternities and sororities at South Dakota State University.

Holly noted that there was a clerical error on the cover page of the agenda item regarding the number of lots proposed to be removed. The number shown in the attachment however is correct.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Morrison, to approve the Fifth Amendment to the Master Ground Lease between the Board and South Dakota State College Development Association, included as Attachment I; and to authorize the Executive Director to execute any additional documents or actions necessary to effectuate the foregoing. Motion passed.

A copy of the SDSU Master Ground Lease Amendment can be found on pages ___ to ___ of the official minutes.

7-H SDSU New Parking Lot Work Request

Heather Forney, System VP for Finance and Administration, and Mike Holbeck, SDSU VP of Finance and Budget, stated that South Dakota State University requests approval to add a 200 to 270 stall parking lot in the southeast residential district of the main campus in Brookings. Due to continued growth in first-time freshmen over the past four years, including a record-breaking first-year class in Fall 2024, increasing parking capacity in this area is crucial for serving their students.

Heather Forney clarified that SDSU's parking is part of their auxiliary system, so there is already a

plant to go out to bond for the Larson Commons project (also part of the auxiliary system) later this spring. With the Board's authorization, SDSU would add \$1 million dollars for this parking lot at that same point in time, get some economies of scale with one bond issue.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Roberts, to approve SDSU's work request for a parking lot at an estimated cost of \$1,330,700 utilizing available auxiliary fund cash and future bonding. Motion passed.

A copy of the SDSU New Parking Lot Work Request can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

7-I Revised BOR Policy 1.7.2 – Naming of Institutional Facilities, Programmatic Units, or Funded Academic Honors (First Reading)

Holly Farris, System General Counsel, stated that as campus facilities grow and evolve, there are more available spaces for possible naming requests. The proposed revisions provide guidance for institutions to process naming requests associated with outdoor facilities and spaces, in addition to indoor facilities and complexes. The proposed revisions to BOR Policy 1.7.2 provide additional guidance to institutions on naming requests associated with outdoor campus areas, in addition to the processes currently in place for indoor areas. Additionally, outdated dollar amounts have been removed to provide appropriate flexibility to the Board in considering future naming requests.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Frederick, seconded by Regent Roberts, to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BOR Policy 1.7.2, as presented in Attachment I. Motion passed.

A copy of the Revised BOR Policy 1.7.2 – Naming of Institutional Facilities, Programmatic Units, or Funded Academic Honors (First Reading) can be found on pages __ to __ of the official minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Roberts, seconded by Regent Frederick, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Secretary's Executive Session Report

The Board convened in Executive Session pursuant to the vote of the majority of the Board present and voting at its public meeting on Wednesday, December 11th, in accordance with SDCL § 1-25-2 to discuss matters authorized therein. Following executive session, on December 12th, the Board will meet in open session to discuss and take official action on the matters set forth below, all other matters discussed were consistent with the requirements of SDCL § 1-25-2, but no official action on them is being proposed at this time.

Recommended Actions:

- 2-I. Approve the request to direct CARA to disburse sale proceeds from the president's residence for the purpose of funding construction of the Mineral Industries building and authorize the executive director to execute any documentation necessary to effectuate the same.*
- 2-J. Authorize the General Counsel to proceed with the legal matter(s) within the parameters discussed.*
- 2-K. Authorize the Executive Director to issue a determination on SDSU Grievance No. 2024-02 consistent with the Board's direction.*
- 2-N(1). Approve the request from South Dakota State University to name the SDSU Jackrabbit softball field the "Jerald T. Moriarty Field".*
- 2-N(2). Award one award three (3) years of prior service credit toward promotion for Jill Trimble (SDSMT).*
- 2-N(3). Approve the request to appoint Dr. Gregory Brazeal (USD) to the rank of Professor.*
- 2-N(5). Waive BOR Policy 4.3.1, Section 2.2. to allow for a 13-month contract for coaches who are currently on a contract term from December 21, 2023, through December 22, 2024.*