

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Informational Items
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AGENDA ITEM: 5 – R
DATE: April 2-3, 2025

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 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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

INTERIM ACTIONS

Maintenance and Repair Projects

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

University of South Dakota

Simulation Center Reception Renovation: University of South Dakota is requesting the use of \$162,000 of tuition funds for the school of medicine simulation center reception renovation. The project is for the full design, cost estimate, construction administration, and construction of the simulation center reception area for School of Medicine and Health Science building in Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls Testing Center Renovation: University of South Dakota is requesting the use of \$245,000 of institutional funds for the renovation of the testing center at the University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls.

South Dakota State University

Campus Master Plan: South Dakota State University is requesting \$955,000 of institutional funds for master planning consultant services. SDSU will hire the consultants DLR Group and COOP Architecture to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the main campus, agricultural facilities, and remote academic sites. The scope of services would include discovery & data collection, facilities analysis, development of an illustrative framework for campus development, integration of master planning framework into ArcGIS software, and the creation of a needs-based planning summary for key university programs. Deliverables would include a comprehensive physical master plan, executive summary, and interactive campus planning tools.

HVAC Control System Upgrades: South Dakota State University is requesting \$200,000 of institutional funds for the Animal Resource Wing (ARW) HVAC control system upgrades. Full Design and construction for the upgrades to the HVAC control system at ARW. The existing control system is at the end of its useful life and no longer supported by Johnson Controls. Project will upgrade control system with new/modern controllers and sensors. Project will be constructed using SDSU's standing temperature control contractor.

Recreation Corridor Design: South Dakota State University is requesting use of \$86,000 of Higher Education Facilities Funds (HEFF) and \$62,190 of Federal TAP Grant funds from SDDOT for the full design of a recreation corridor and stormwater retention development. Development is on the east side of the main campus of SDSU, west of the State Arboretum and adjacent to University Boulevard. The project includes the design of a recreation trail and its components, stormwater retention and metered release infrastructure, and landscape elements such as earthen berms. The project is in response to a TAP Grant from the SDDOT. The project will be managed with SDSU Facilities & Services resources and contracted through SDDOT.

Capital Asset Purchase
(greater than \$250,000)

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Quantum Characterization System, Quantum Design 9 Tesla Dynacoll PPMS: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) is requesting to utilize \$550,000 of grant funds to purchase a quantum characterization system. The requested Physical Property Measurement System (PPMS) is a variable temperature, variable magnetic field system from Quantum Design that features a cryogen-free superconducting magnet and temperature control system, providing a low vibration, low temperature, precise field and temperature sweep capability for characterizing electrical and magnetic properties of quantum materials.

NanoFrazor scanning thermal-probe nanolithography system: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) is requesting to utilize \$554,645 of grant funds to purchase a NanoFrazor lithography system. The NanoFrazor lithography systems are based on thermal scanning probe lithography. Core of the NanoFrazor® technology is an ultra-sharp heat able probe tip which is used for writing and simultaneous inspection of complex nanostructures. The heated tip creates arbitrary, high-resolution nanostructures by local sublimation of resists. This tool will allow top-down nano-scale lithography of nanostructured materials surface integrated with large scale featured structures produced by optical methods.

Executive Employment Approvals

Institution	Employee Name	Title	Current Salary	New Salary	% Increase
SDSMT	Lauren Prochazka	Head VB Coach	\$68,487	\$75,000	9.5%
SDSU	Matthew Miller	Safety and Health Consultant	\$65,464	\$72,010	10%
SDSU	Heath Van Hill	Safety and Health Consultant	\$59,445	\$65,390	10%
SDSU	Cole Aiazzi	Assistant VB Coach	\$43,000	\$51,000	19%
SDSU	Kathy Busch	Senior Finance & Budget Specialist	\$91,875	\$96,469	5%
SDSU	Heather Gessner	Extension Field Specialist III	\$75,903	\$81,975.24	8%
SDSU	Megan Jacobson	Extension Field Specialist III	\$70,811	\$75,060	6%
SDSU	Leacey Brown	Extension Field Specialist III	\$72,800	\$77,168	6%
SDSU	Joslyn Fousert	Researcher I	\$42,202	\$44,312	5%
USD	Abigail Hall	Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$52,063	\$56,700	8.9%
USD	Warren, Cubie D.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$55,603.12	\$60,000	8%

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USD	Taylor, Miles J.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$64,830.69	\$74,000	14%
USD	Hodge, Elijah R.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$63,817.21	\$70,000	10%
USD	Rosenthal, Joshua A.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$60,823.48	\$70,000	15%
USD	Nady, Jeffrey W.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$74,159.04	\$80,000	8%
USD	Ferentz, Steven D.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$55,137.36	\$65,000	18%
USD	Vitzthum, Matthew M.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$65,000	\$74,000	14%
USD	Nelson, Nathan J.	Assistant Coach-Football	\$62,000	\$65,000	5%