SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – L DATE: July 31 – August 2, 2023

SUBJECT

Intent to Plan Requests

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

<u>BOR Policy 2:23</u> – New Programs, Program Modifications, Curricular Requests, and Inactivation/Termination

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Per <u>BOR Policy 2:23</u>, Intent to Plan requests are reviewed by the Executive Director (or designee) and if approved to the next step are then reviewed by the Academic Affairs Council for feedback, consultation, and possible collaboration. BOR academic leadership then provides a report to the Board's Committee on Academic and Student Affairs regarding submitted Intent to Plan requests with a report to the full Board placed under the Consent section of the agenda as a routine informational item. The approval of an Intent to Plan proposal does not overwrite the Full Proposal process and does not guarantee approval of the Full Proposal by the Board.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

This report will provide the intent to plans that were approved by the Executive Director and will be followed by a full proposal in a future Board meeting.

1. DSU - MS in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

The proposed MS would provide students with a foundation in intelligent interaction, knowledge management and deep learning. The program seeks to help students understand AI/ML frameworks so that application may be made to their own work and learning environments. DSU currently offers a specialization in Artificial Intelligence within their MS in Computer Science and sees a need for a full program in this area.

ATTACHMENTS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM