

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 8 – C
DATE: June 21-22, 2023

SUBJECT

2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30 Academic Calendar Approval

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:6](#) – System Academic Year/Academic Calendar
[BOR Policy 2:32](#) – Definition and Assignment of Credit Hours
[System Academic Calendars](#)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Board of Regents approves the academic calendars for the system. Currently, the [approved calendars go through 2026-27](#). The process of evaluating functional, operational, and policy needs requires multiple stakeholder discussions, multiple meeting opportunities, and many informal discussions. The goal was to capture a systemwide needs analysis through meetings, informal discussions, and committee work to best manage academic calendar expectations.

Both informal and formal participation from critical areas includes the following stakeholders:

1. Academic Leadership
2. Student Leadership
3. Faculty
4. Students
5. Financial Aid
6. Academic Records
7. Accounts Receivable
8. Athletics

All feedback through this process was provided to the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) and the Student Affairs Council (SAC). The final draft was provided to the Council of Presidents and Superintendents (COPS). Every council provided feedback and changes, including COPS.

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DRAFT MOTION 20230621_8-C:

I move to approve the system academic calendars for 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30 academic years, as presented.

The critical aspect of academic calendar approval is the timeline. The academic calendars impact processing in the system student information system (SIS). In addition, institutions are scheduling many activities for the future academic years.

This academic calendar is tightly paired with both BOR item 8-A and BOR item 8-B. With the approval of the new revised policies, it further supports the proposed academic calendars. Specifically, federal financial aid requirements drive the instructional activity, contact hours, and the definition of non-academic activity.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The academic calendars as presented in Attachments I, II, and III have been evaluated by several sub-committees including, the Academic Affairs Council, the Student Affairs Council, and the Council of Presidents and Superintendents.

Board academic staff supports the recommendation to approve the 2027-28, 2028-29, and 2029-30 system academic calendars.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – System Academic Calendar 2027-2028

Attachment II – System Academic Calendar 2028-2029

Attachment III - System Academic Calendar 2029-2030

2027 - 2028

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