

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Informational Items **Consent**

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – P
DATE: October 5-6, 2022

SUBJECT

Intent to Plan Requests

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – New Programs, Program Modifications, Curricular Requests, and
Inactivation/Termination

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Per [BOR Policy 2:23](#), 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 BOR Committee A 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 plan's that were approved by the Executive Director and will be followed by a full proposal in a future Board meeting.

1. **USD – BS in Conservation Biology**

The proposed BS in Conservation Biology will replace the current specialization in this area within USD's BS in Biology program, making Conservation Biology its own standing major. This is a repackaging of an existing program. The formal separation of Conservation Biology into a free-standing degree will make navigating degree requirements easier for students and will better reflect the focus of study for the student. This does not require any new resources as the classes have already been offered.

2. **USD – BS in Physiology, Cell, and Molecular Biology**

The proposed BS in Physiology, Cell, and Molecular Biology will replace the current specialization in this area within USD's BS in Biology program, making Physiology, Cell, and Molecular Biology its own standing major. This is a

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ATTACHMENTS

None