

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs **Consent**

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – Y
DATE: December 7-8, 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 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 plan's that were approved by the Executive Director and will be followed by a full proposal in a future Board meeting.

1. [SDSU – BS in Elementary Education](#)

The proposed BS in Elementary Education will be designed to enable students to develop skills and competencies required of effective elementary teachers. The program will prepare graduates to teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The student demand at SDSU and the state workforce need projections support the approval to submit a full proposal at the March 2023 meeting.

2. [SDSU – BS in Special Education](#)

The proposed BS in Special Education will be designed to enable students to develop skills and competencies required of effective special education teachers. Special education teachers work with students who have a wide range of learning, mental, emotional, and physical disabilities. Currently, SDSU is the only institution in the state with a teacher training program that does not offer special education.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3. USD – PhD in Data Science and Engineering

The proposed The PhD in Data Science and Engineering would be an interdisciplinary degree that would span across many existing and emergent technical fields, including Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, Data Mining and Big Data, Data Analytics and Applied Statics, Data Engineering, and Data Visualization. The proposed program would be a collaborative program with SD Mines.

ATTACHMENTS

None