

## Summary of Proposed Action ND State Board of Higher Education Meeting – September 28, 2017

- 1. Issue:** Bismarck State College (BSC) has submitted a Stage II request to create the [Dakota Institute](#).
- 2. Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the Stage II request of the BSC to create the Dakota Institute.
- 3. Background information:** Senate Bill 2003 (1 July 2017) named BSC as recipient of the Dakota Institute and all rights, title, interests and copyrights from ND Parks and Recreation.
- 4. Financial implications:** None. Duties will be assigned to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs and other existing faculty and staff. Any net revenues will be used for student scholarships.
- 5. Legal/policy issues:** State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) Policy 307.1 *Institutional Organization Notice and Approval* states: "1. Board approval is required to create, discontinue or name a school, college, center or institute. Institutions shall submit such requests, along with rationale and supporting information, to the Chancellor and the Chancellor shall forward the proposal to the Board with a recommendation."  
  
"2. As used in this policy, 'center or institute' means a unit that has as a primary function or activity academic instruction, research, or service beyond the immediate campus community. The terms do not include space designations, or units that simply have the word 'center' in their title, or units that provide non-academic services, such as dining centers."
- 6. Academic issues:** No academic issues were raised at the September 6, 2017 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) meeting.
- 7. Coordination:** On September 6, 2017, the AAC voted unanimously to recommend that the Stage II request for review by the Chancellor's Cabinet and advance to the SBHE for approval/denial.
- 8. Attachments:** The Stage II request is attached.
- 9. Contact information:** Richard M. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: [richard.rothaus@ndus.edu](mailto:richard.rothaus@ndus.edu).
- 10. Chancellor's recommendation:** Chancellor approved.