

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Higher Education Policy goals

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The universities can best serve students and the State when there is broad agreement on long-term State policy goals, management flexibility to select strategies, and the expectation of sufficient resources. After consultation with members of the public and elected officials, the Board adopted the following state higher education policy goals in December 1997 to inform the public and to guide the Board, the Executive Director, and the presidents as they develop policy and allocate resources.

1. Access for Qualified South Dakotans

All qualified residents will have convenient and affordable access to higher education.

2. Increase Enrollment in Programs Important for Economic Growth

The universities will increase enrollments in selected programs within their respective missions that are of particular importance to the State's economy in order to graduate students who can contribute to the development and expansion of the State's economy.

3. Academic Improvement

The academic programs offered by the universities will be of high quality, and the universities will regularly provide evidence of quality based on measures of their students and graduates.

4. Human Resources

The universities will attract and retain highly qualified professionals needed to carry out their teaching, service, and research missions.

5. Faculty Professional Development

The universities will provide faculty with the professional development opportunities, time, and resources needed to remain current in their disciplines and to redesign courses in order to integrate current technologies.

6. Collaboration

The universities will work collaboratively to carry out their teaching, service, and research missions.

7. Current Technology Infrastructure

The universities will develop and maintain technology infrastructures that can provide current instruction, prepare students for their future workplaces, enhance productivity, and deliver instruction between campuses and to off-campus students.

8. Current Facilities and Equipment

The universities will maintain and replace their facility and equipment infrastructures as needed in order to provide safe, effective, and current education and service to the State.

9. External Funds

The universities will increase non-state financial support.

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