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Dakota State Seeks Authority for MBA in Sioux Falls

MADISON, SD – A committee of the South Dakota Board of Regents today granted Dakota State officials permission to plan for a master of business administration degree to be offered at University Center in Sioux Falls likely beginning with the Fall 2010 semester.

“Our goal is to develop an MBA in general management, with an information technology component that reflects the unique mission of Dakota State University,” said Dakota State President Doug Knowlton. “Fundamentally, this degree is unlike other MBA programs offered by public or private universities in South Dakota partly because of the information technology integration and use.”

The program would be designed for people at entry- or mid-level within their organizations. “Our program appeals to a very different market segment of students than the professional MBA to be offered in Sioux Falls by The University of South Dakota,” Knowlton said. USD also offers a traditional MBA degree on campus and an MBA through distance delivery.

South Dakota’s economy continues to diversify and providing MBA options that have unique degree requirements permits students to choose the type of program that best fits their needs and is most likely to help them advance in their career.

The intent to plan is the first step in establishing a new program. Dakota State will return to the regents later for final approval after all its plans are finalized.

About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area.

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