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Board of Regents Proposes Classroom

Building for USDSU

Would double the current space

The South Dakota Board of Regents has proposed adding 50,000 square feet of classroom and office space for USDSU in Sioux Falls. The request was presented to the South Dakota Legislature as part of the Board's 10-year capital improvement plan (HB 1025). The Board is asking for authority to build, but not an appropriation of money. The funds would come from within the Regental system.

USDSU consistently shows the highest facility utilization in the Regental system. On average, every USDSU classroom is scheduled for about 40 hours per week. As another measure, USDSU will deliver some 34,500 credit hours this year which is rather incredible for a 50,000 square foot building.

As USDSU has expanded services and offerings we have outgrown our current space. This spring, we have 16 sections meeting in STI facilities, 5 meeting in conference rooms and 3 meeting at the Med School (DDN). Every office is filled and there is a waiting list for faculty and staff who need accommodations. While this is a good problem to have, it is a problem nonetheless.

Facilities limitations are cited as one of the major concerns as the service model continues to develop and grow. Approval of this project would provide a great deal of relief.

If the Legislature approves the concept and the Governor signs the bill, a facility could be available by Fall 2009 at the earliest based on the availability of funding.

Also included in the 10-year plan is \$2 million to support the construction of the Graduate Education and Applied Research Center (GEAR) on this campus as well. This project is in partnership with the community as a way to develop a research presence. While it would have a limited impact on classroom availability, it would present the opportunity to have world-class research scientists and faculty here on the USDSU campus.

USDSU Administration Considering Renovations

Based on Nursing's move to the new building

The nursing programs from both SDSU and USD will be moving to their new home in the Health Sciences Center in the summer 2005. This provides an opportunity to reconsider the use of the current USDSU building.

Canfield's Business Interiors was hired to help with the analysis of the current space. They have presented recommendations that are being closely reviewed. Throughout the process, the goal has been to make changes that positively impact students, faculty, staff and services based on student and faculty input. For example, the plan includes the following.

- A much larger Resource Room that will provide excellent study space for students.
- Enclosed tutoring areas and distraction free testing space.
- A relocation of the Bookstore to a larger space to support increased service.
- A new Business Office to support expanded services including postal services requested by students.
- A dedicated space for adjunct and part-time faculty to provide office space, technology, files, and security.
- Much better office accommodations for full-time faculty who are stationed here at USDSU.
- A consolidated student services area.

While there was not space to accomplish every good idea proposed during the process, the changes proposed in the plan will address the needs that are most often highlighted as areas of concern.

Coming Soon.....

USDSU ID Cards



Later this spring term USDSU will begin issuing USDSU ID cards. All currently enrolled students and faculty/staff may be issued an ID card for identification purposes. These ID Cards will also be used for requesting print jobs in the computer labs starting with the summer 2005 term. Watch for more upcoming information!

PRINT MANAGEMENT AT USDSU

Some of you may have noticed that there is one more step involved in printing to a printer in the computer labs these days. USDSU has installed a Pharos Uniprint system to help manage printing within the USDSU computer network.

Studies show that 60-70% of all printing on college campuses (without a print management system) is unnecessary and wasteful. During the 2003-2004 school year USDSU used \$2,600 in paper and \$5,800 in toner in the printers. This is over \$8,000 in printing costs, not to mention the wear and tear on the machines. If 60% is wasteful printing, about \$4,800 in toner and paper was discarded in the trash!

The Pharos Uniprint system is being installed to control costs and cut down on waste. Students must identify their jobs after selecting 'print' from the computer lab workstations, and then walk to the printer and select their job to confirm that the job is to be printed. Later this spring, users will need to swipe a USDSU ID card in order to print from the Pharos Uniprint system. (See article on USDSU ID cards in this newsletter.)

Starting this summer, printing will cost .05 cents per sheet with the first 100 sheets (per semester) being free. After the free allotment of copies, students will need to have funds on their ID cards (like a debit card) to be able to print in the computer labs.

More information on the print management system and the ID cards will follow in subsequent newsletters and other media as these systems are implemented. Look for full implementation for the fall 2005 term.

Does a college degree pay-off in earnings?

Bureau of Labor Statistics says 'Yes'

Do you ever wonder if you are doing the right thing by studying here at USDSU? If you ever ask yourself that nagging question, read the following excerpt from the Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational Outlook".

"Education is essential in getting a high-paying job. In fact, for all but 1 of the 50 highest paying occupations, a college degree or higher is the most significant source of education or training. Air traffic controllers is the only occupation of the 50 highest paying for which this is not the case."

Forward Sioux Falls and the Sioux Falls Development Foundation are creating a local economy that demands a well educated workforce. The emphasis on research and technology are combining with continually growing sectors in banking, health care and education to create a new economic reality in Sioux Falls. Will you be educationally prepared for a high paying job in Sioux Falls?

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Your major field of study can vary. Sophomores, juniors and seniors may apply. If you are interested in this internship opportunity which could lead to a full time position after graduation, contact Sharlen Krause, 367.5640 for more information.

SECURITY AT USDSU

We now have security officers on site during the day and evening. If you need assistance, you may contact security by calling 941-9003.

Students should also be aware that student parking is available at the west and north sides of the USDSU building. Please refrain from parking in the faculty/staff and state vehicle designated parking areas in order to avoid a \$25 parking fine.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FORUM

A Community Leadership Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm. Rick Melmer, EdD, Secretary, Department of Education and Pamela Homan, EdD, Superintendent, Sioux Falls Sioux District will discuss K-12 issues for our state and community.

FACULTY & STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This month two new employees are featured: Hillary Westerhuis, the USD General Education Advisor, and Melanie Wood, USD English Instructor.

Hillary Westerhuis

Hillary recently joined our USDSU team as the USD Student Services Advisor. She hails from Platte, a small town in south-central South Dakota. Upon graduation from high school she attended Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Disliking the small town atmosphere, Hillary transferred to Augustana College where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. From there she moved to Duluth, MN to pursue a Master's in Counseling Psychology. After graduation from her Master's program Hillary decided to move back to Sioux Fall to pursue a career and be closer to family. Hillary just celebrated her one-year anniversary of being married to a wonderful man, Brian, who has been serving in Iraq for the past year, but hopes to be home soon.

Hillary brings many experiences with her from various positions such as working with college students in housing as well as a college counseling service, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and kids with developmental, mental health and social issues.

In her free time, Hillary enjoys reading, spending time with her cats, Einstein and Kitty, and planning a big outdoor, July wedding, where she and her husband will be renewing their vows.

Melanie Wood

Hello! My name is Melanie Wood and I have just joined the faculty here at USDSU as a full-time instructor for the Department of English. After years of searching for a teaching position that would allow me to both return to my "native stomping grounds" (I was born and raised in Vermillion, SD) and give me the chance to focus primarily on teaching, I

was thrilled to be chosen for this position. My experience thus far has been better than I could have ever expected; my students are thoughtful, serious, and invested in their course work, and my colleagues have been extraordinarily helpful. In particular, Marcella Remund, Patti DiMond, and Jill Toiland, have all gone above and beyond the call of duty by ensuring I had what I needed to do my best work and to feel welcome here. What a pleasure it is to be here at USDSU where both serious academic scholarship and a genuine sense of community exist in one place.

My educational background consists of a B.A. in English and History from SDSU in 1992, and M.A. in Literature from SDSU in 1994, and a M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas (formerly Southwest Texas State University) which I received, magna cum laude, in 1997. My teaching background consists of several teaching assistantships during graduate school, as well as a 7-year tenure as an instructor for basic writing, beginning and advanced composition, advanced rhetoric, and literature at Texas State University. I also held part-time positions in the ESL and philosophy departments at Texas State, as well as temporary positions at Texas Lutheran University in Sequin, Texas, and most recently, at SDSU in Brookings, SD.

In 1997, I was honored with inclusion in "Who's Who Among American Teachers;" however, my greatest "claim to fame" is the volunteer work I did through a program called "Poetry in the Schools" in San Marcos, Texas. For one year, once a week for one hour, I met with the same 4th grade class and conducted a series of poetry workshops using Kenneth Koch's text *Rose, Where Did You Get That Red: Teaching Great Poetry to Children*. I value the experience because somehow, poetry has become a form many people dread, as it is perceived as a puzzle to be solved (i.e. "Where's Waldo?") rather than a beautiful and powerful means of expression. These children, however, had no sense of this foreboding and instead, carried on a lively *festival* with words, thereby creating the most stunning and "real" poetry. Even though I often *crawled* out of that classroom, utterly exhausted, I learned that writing, whether it is academic, non-fiction, creative, or otherwise requires one to at least temporarily delay "editing" so the ideas can find their way to the page. In my composition courses, I do my best to design exercises based on this principle.

Once again, I am delighted to be here at USDSU and am looking forward to my future here. Thanks to all of you for the warm welcome!



STARR PRESENTATIONS

Registering with WebAdvisor

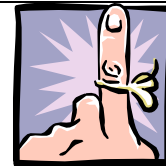
Tuesday, February 22nd ● 12-1:00 pm ● Room 269
Tuesday, April 5th ● 12:00-1:00 pm ● Room 279

Managing Your Finances: Financial Aid

Wednesday, February 23rd ● 12:00-1:00 pm ● Room 271

Pre-registration is not required and there is no cost to students. For more information, please contact Brenda Van Ormer at 367-8417.

**DATES
TO
REMEMBER**



- February 21—Presidents Day Holiday—Office Closed
- February 22—Community Leadership Forum
- February 22—STARR Presentation-Registering with Web Advisor
- February 23—STARR Presentation-Managing Your Finances: Financial Aid
- March 7-11—Spring Break
- March 25-28—Easter Recess
- April 5—Last Day to Withdraw and Receive a “W”
- April 5—STARR Presentation-Registering with Web Advisor
- May 2-6—Final Exams Week
- May 30—Memorial Day—Office Closed
- May 31—Summer Semester Begins
- July 4th—Independence Day—Office Closed
- August 25—Fall New Student Orientation Session
- August 26—Fall New Student Orientation Session
- August 30—Fall Classes Begin

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