

A New Vision for USDSU

State Legislature Approves two Bills

Sioux Falls – The 2006 State Legislature approved two bills regarding future developments at USDSU. HB 1238 permits the Board of Regents to buy approximately 263 acres of land from the Department of Transportation for \$5,870,000. The funding for this comes from the Great Plains Educational Foundation, Inc. which is located in Aberdeen. The land lies south of 60th Street between Marion Road and I-29.

HB 1244 provides authorization and funding for an \$8,000,000 classroom building to be constructed on the new site. It is anticipated that this will result in 40,000-50,000 new square feet to support academic delivery. The funds will come from the State's general fund.

Also planned is the construction of the Center for Graduate Education and Applied Research (GEAR) in addition to the classroom building. GEAR is funded by federal funds and Regent's facilities funds in the total amount of \$6,300,000.

Even after these two new facilities are built, USDSU will continue to operate in the current facilities on the STI campus and will do so until STI is ready to assume responsibility. No decisions on a transition out of current facilities have been made and the new facilities will have to be planned to complement existing facilities.

Planning is beginning immediately regarding developing the program for the new buildings and site development. After that, building design will begin. Faculty and staff will have input into the process.

Signing Ceremony held at USDSU

Governor Rounds signs Historic Measures

Sioux Falls – On Thursday, March 9, Governor M. Michael Rounds was at USDSU to participate in a signing ceremony for HB 1238 and HB 1244. Present at the ceremony were the Board of Regents, university presidents, local legislators and local business leaders.

These two measures represent an historic step for South Dakota and Sioux Falls. Never in the history of the state, has the Board of Regents owned and operated facilities in the Sioux Falls community. With these two measures, that will all change.

"This is the largest community in the state, yet public higher education has not had a home until now for the six universities to share resources," Rounds said. "You've also given young people and people that are young at heart more hope," he concluded.



Governor M. Michael Rounds



Back row, from left: James Hansen, Terry Baloun, Dean Krogman, Carole Pagonos, Terry Venhuizen, Richard Belatti. Front row, from left: Harvey Jewett, Governor Rounds

USDSU to Adopt a New Name

All Six Regental Campuses will be in Sioux Falls

Sioux Falls – In the future, Sioux Falls will be home to programs from all six Regental universities. In fact, Northern State University will be bringing their major in Banking and Financial Services here beginning fall 2006. If USDSU is to be inclusive of all six universities, the name needs to be inclusive as well. That means the name is going to change.

USDSU was adopted as a moniker in the fall 2001. In the ensuing four and a half years, it has become quite well known in the community and beyond. While a bit of a tongue-twister, it was a unique way to incorporate the acronyms that described the partnership campuses. With the partners expanding, the name just does not fit.

Lawrence and Schiller will act as a consultant to manage the process and provide creative support. The goal is to have a new name and accompanying materials ready by the end of the summer.

Prior to 2001, the partnership in Sioux Falls had a number of different names.

Submit a new name

So, what do you think the new name for USDSU should be? It is a serious question since we believe (hope) this may be the last name change we will have to consider.

What is your idea?

Please submit any suggestions or ideas you have to the following email address;

new.name@usdsu.org

If your suggestion is adopted, you will be showered with valuable prizes, copious amounts of respect, and well-earned accolades.

Financial Aid

Now is the time to start the process for your 2006-2007 financial aid. Get that FAFSA submitted. Check out our website for scholarship opportunities.

If you have questions or need assistance please contact Walter Goodwin at 605-367-5640.

First National Bank is proud to offer the Donna Ohling Scholarship to three individuals who are currently attending USDSU on a part-time basis.

The Donna Ohling Scholarship is an endowment that was established by First National Bank in Sioux Falls and its employees to honor Donna Ohling who served as Training Officer of the bank before her death on July 11, 2002, after a two year battle with cancer.

Selection Criteria is: Must be a student age 24 or greater, be enrolled in good standing at USDSU through one of the three institutions, and be a part-time degree seeking student (fewer than 12 hours per semester)

Application and more information about this and other scholarships can be found at our website www.usdsu.org, under the Financial Aid link.

The application deadline is April 15th, 2006.

The Business & Professional Women Inc is also proud to offer a scholarship to women pursuing a post secondary education. Selection is based on a combination of demonstrated academic excellence and financial need. The application deadline is April 4th 2006.

Tutoring Positions Available

Students who are interested in paid tutoring positions in Math, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and English should contact Sharlen Krause at 605-367-5640 and discuss with her whether your schedule will fit with our tutoring needs.

Chemistry Student Help Position

A Chemistry Student Help position (with the possibility of tutoring) may be available for the summer and fall 2006. This will either be a 5 hour per week or 10 hour per week position. If interested please contact the front desk for information, or if you have questions, please contact Dr. Madsen (room 167) or 605-367-8390.

Scholarship Opportunity



Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund, a program of the Talbots Charitable Foundation will award \$100,000 in scholarships to women determined to finally get their college degree. Five women will each be awarded \$10,000 scholarships, and 50

women will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships. All applicants must be seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited two or four year college or university, or vocational-technical school. Only applicants seeking a bachelor's degree from a four year college or university are eligible to receive a \$10,000 award. Scholarship awards are based primarily on financial need and previous achievements for women who earned their high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago. Applications for 2007 are expected to be available in the fall 2006. For more information, visit www.talbots.com.

SDePay and Paying Your Tuition

SDePay is the South Dakota Board of Regent's new online billing and tuition payment program. Use SDePay to view and/or print your tuition statements, check on tuition changes and make tuition payments.

You can make tuition payments with either E-check or MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit cards, a convenience fee will apply. Credit cards are no longer accepted at the Universities' business offices. Check payments may be mailed to USDSU, 2205 Career Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57107; or students may submit payment directly to any of the six South Dakota state university business offices.

Tuition account balances are due the third day of each term. Payment arrangements must be set-up prior to this due date in order to avoid late fees. The USDSU Business Office can be reached at (605) 367-8418.

Change of Address or Telephone

Occasionally faculty or staff at USDSU need to be in contact with students and discover phones have been disconnected or numbers changed. Please remember to complete a change of address form if your home address, email address or phone number(s) have changed. If the staff cannot reach you by telephone, they will make every effort to contact you by email or regular mail.

Registration for Summer and Fall

Advising for summer and fall 2006 has begun and registration for current students will begin on April 3rd. Students should check their registration priority date on Web Advisor to determine the day and time they may begin the registration process. In addition, it is advisable to check the "My Restrictions" section of Web Advisor to determine if there are any holds that would prevent registration. Registration for all new students will open on Monday, May 1st. Appointments may be scheduled with USDSU advisors by calling 605-367-5640.

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the following new employees to USDSU.

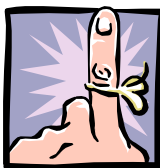
Sandy VanOrmer has accepted a position as Senior Secretary for the USDSU Department of Academic Coordination. Most recently, Sandy was employed as a Staff Assistant with the USDSU Business Office.

Nathan (Nate) Hadrack will begin working as a Computer Support Specialist on March 27th. Nate has been working as part of the Help Desk staff at USDSU since August of last year.

Lora Fejfar has accepted a position of Secretary to the Student Services Department. Lora will begin her duties on Monday, March 20th.

Watch for bio's from our newest employees in upcoming editions of the USDSU Newsletter.

**DATES
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REMEMBER**



- **March 30th**—Last day to withdraw from the University (ALL CLASSES) and be eligible for a refund
- **April 3rd-28th**—Pre-registration for current students by priority date for summer and fall 2006
- **April 7th**—Last day to withdraw from a full semester course, all classes or University and receive a grade of “W” – **NO REFUND**
- **April 13th**—Easter Recess Begins
- **April 18th**—Easter Recess Ends, Classes Resume at 8:00 am
- **May 8th-12th**—Final Exams Week
- **May 12th**—Spring Semester Ends
- **May 15th**—Summer Session 1 Begins
- **May 29th**—Memorial Day Holiday—No Classes/Offices Closed

- **June 23rd**—Summer Session 1 Ends
- **June 26th**—Summer Session 2 Begins
- **July 4th**—Independence Day—No Classes/Offices Closed
- **August 4th**—Summer Session 2 Ends
- **August 28th**—Fall Semester Begins
 - Monday ONLY classes (classes meeting once a week on Mondays ONLY) will meet.
 - Monday combination classes (i.e., M/W, M/R, M/W/F, etc.) will meet on the next subsequent day which would be Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

USDSU Summer Session

- ◆ **Session 1: Full Summer Session**—
12 weeks, standard courses, May 15th-August 4th
- ◆ **Session 2: First 6 Weeks, standard courses**
May 15th-June 23rd
- ◆ **Session 3: Second 6 Weeks, standard courses**
June 26th-August 4th

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