

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For the transfer of the

### RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM

From DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY to SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 9, 2020

#### Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding details the transfer of the Respiratory Care (RC) program from Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota to South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota in the interests of better serving the students and needs of the state. The DSU Respiratory Care program is the only program in the state preparing students to meet this critical need. DSU and SDSU are committed to placing the program in a position to continue to thrive and believe that moving the program from DSU to SDSU is more consistent with the missions of the institutions and will provide more opportunity for the program to be successful.

#### Institutional Mission Alignment

The legislature established the statutory mission of **South Dakota State University** under SDCL 13-58-1 as: Designated as South Dakota's Land-grant University, South Dakota State University, formerly the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, located at Brookings, in Brookings County, shall be under the control of the Board of Regents and shall provide undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education in agriculture, education, engineering, home economics, nursing and pharmacy, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine.

The legislature established the statutory mission of **Dakota State University** under SDCL 13-59-2.2 as: The primary purpose of Dakota State University at Madison in Lake County is to provide instruction in computer management, computer information systems, electronic data processing, and other related undergraduate and graduate programs. The secondary purpose is to offer two-year, one-year and short courses for application and operator training in the areas authorized by this section. This authorization includes the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers with emphasis in computer and information processing. Except for degree programs in existence during the 1983-84 academic year, the unique baccalaureate programs authorized for Dakota State University shall not be duplicated by the Board of Regents.

Furthermore SDCL 13-59-2.4 indicated that: The medical records program and respiratory therapy program currently in existence at Dakota State University shall remain at Dakota State University unless otherwise transferred by the Board of Regents.

Per the current SDBOR Program Productivity review, the Respiratory Care program is not meeting the established minimum number of graduates. With the transfer of the RC Program to SDSU, it will be administratively located in the Department of Allied Health which will better position the program to be successful. **Organizational Model**

The RC program is currently housed in the College Arts & Sciences at DSU and will be moving to the Department of Allied Health in the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health at SDSU. Currently the faculty are not located in Madison nor are the courses offered in Madison. Rather both the faculty and courses offerings use space at the hospitals in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The intent is to align the program with other health-related programs in the Department of Allied Health which also includes the Master's of Public Health and the Medical Laboratory Sciences programs.

### **Program Accreditation**

The Associates degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC). COARC may be moving to require a baccalaureate level program for accreditation in the next few years. According to the recent site visitors addressing the two-year program, the current program is well-positioned for accreditation at the baccalaureate level.

Preliminary discussion with COARC indicate that if the program is transferred without internal re-organization accreditation will continue as is. They are looking for:

- Substantive Change Form (submitted by DSU)
- Letter from the DSU and SDSU Presidents granting permission for the change
- Letter from the SDBOR granting permission for the change
- A vote by the Respiratory Care Advisory Board to agree to the change of sponsorship.

### **Hospital Agreements**

The DSU program has agreements with the area hospitals for use of space, equipment, and facilities. SDSU currently has similar agreements with the same hospitals. Current agreements for the RC program will be transferred from DSU to SDSU.

### **Students**

Students completing degree requirements prior to January 1, 2021 will be awarded the degree from DSU, those completing requirements after January 1, 2021 will receive their degree from SDSU. The DSU and SDSU Financial Aid offices will work together to assure that student aid is maintained.

### **Faculty**

Faculty will transfer with rank, salary and benefits. DSU will proceed with the current search for a Director of Clinical Education to fill a planned retirement and include an SDSU representative on the search committee as designated.

## Financial Transfers

DSU is prepared to transfer the Resp Care program to SDSU, at which time RESP courses would become SDSU courses and all tuition and fees at the time of the transfer forward would be SDSU revenue. Accounts receivable on courses prior to the transfer, if any, would remain with DSU. In addition, DSU will make a base transfer of \$70,000 from General Funds or through a transfer of other dollars until such time as a General Fund base transfer can be made.

The Financial offices of DSU and SDSU will work out appropriate operations managing current fiscal year year-end transactions.

## Signatures



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Barry H. Dunn, President

South Dakota State University

May 30, 2020

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Date



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José-Marie Griffiths, President

Dakota State University

May 28, 2020

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Date