



October 16, 2013

Dr. David Chicoine
President
South Dakota State University
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Brookings, SD 57007-2298

Dear President Chicoine:

This letter is accompanied by a copy of the Multi-Location Visit Report completed following Dr. Diane Fladeland's visit to South Dakota State University. The pattern of operations at the locations visited appears to be adequate and no further review or monitoring is necessary.

Within the Multi-Location Visit Report, you will find brief comments on instructional oversight, academic services, adequacy of assessment of student performance, student services, facilities, and marketing and recruitment information. I encourage you to consider these comments as advice and suggestions for continued improvement of the additional locations.

Thank you again for your flexibility and hospitality in arranging the Multi-Location Visit, which fulfill federal regulations related to multiple off campus locations. The completed report will be included in your institution's permanent file.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Multi-Location Visit or its report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Newton-Curran".

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Enclosure

Multi-Location Visit Report

Institution:	South Dakota State University
Ad. Location #1:	Capital University, 925 E. Sioux Ave. Pierre, SD 57501
Ad. Location #2:	University Center, 4300 Cheyenne Blvd. Rapid City, SD 57703
Ad. Location #3:	
	(please include Additional Locations Name, Street, Town, State, Zip Code)
Date Reviewed:	September 16, 17, 2013
Evaluator Name, Institution, & Title:	Diane Fladeland, University of Mary, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Instructions: In order to document effective administrative systems for managing multiple additional locations, please complete the following. For each item, check **adequate** or attention needed, and indicate in Comments the institution's strengths and/or opportunities for improvement in controlling and delivering degree programs off-campus. If comments pertain to a specific location, they should be included along with the identity of that location.

Overview Statement. Provide information about current additional locations and the institution's general approach to off-campus instruction. Describe the growth pattern at the institution since the last review of off-campus instruction. Provide information about the involvement of external organizations or other higher education institutions.

Judgment of reviewer. Check appropriate box: adequate attention needed

Comments: Capital University and University Center are both new facilities- 4 and 2 years respectively- and designed specifically for the SD University system distance education locations. The University has been in these communities for many years but with the support of the local community and the SD Board of Regents, new buildings were constructed to house the distance education programs. Faculty, staff and the organizational support from SDSU is in place to facilitate the education of students in these communities. Enrollment (student credit hours generated) is flat to somewhat reduced at both sites. SDSU is continually evaluating the need in these communities and adding or discontinuing offerings as needed. These facilities represent collaboration between all SD universities with programs offered by six SD higher education institutions, Black Hills State, Dakota State, and Northern State, SD School of Mines, SDSU, and USD. Generally programs are non-competitive with student needs at the center of system's processes. There are no specific plans to add additional locations at this time though students may be served in a cohort model in an area of need such as in collaboration with a Native American community.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Select one of the following statements. Include, as appropriate, a summary of findings.

- X Overall, the pattern of this institution's operations at its additional locations appears to be adequate, and no further review or monitoring by the Higher Learning Commission is necessary.

Notification for Additional Locations Approval Form

(MACRO Web Application Approval)

Please complete these four questions

ONLY if an institution has been granted access to the **Notification for Additional Locations** approval process.

- X Yes No The institution has been accredited by the Commission, prior to seeking access to the streamlined process, for at least 10 consecutive years with no record of any action during that period for sanction, show-cause, or monitoring of issues related to the quality of instruction or to the oversight of existing additional locations or campuses.
- X Yes No The institution has demonstrated success in overseeing more than three locations.
- X Yes No The institution has no other Commission or other legal restrictions on additional locations and/or programs offered off campus,
- X Yes No The institution has appropriate systems at the institution to ensure quality control of locations that include clearly identified academic controls; regular evaluation by the institution of its locations; a pattern of adequate faculty, facilities, resources, and academic/support systems; financial stability; and long-range planning for future expansion.