Meeting Minutes
Research and Commercialization Council Meeting
as the South Dakota EPSCoR REACH Executive Committee

Friday, August 18th, 2017
2:00pm – 3:00pm CST
Conference Call
Sioux Falls, SD

Members Present:	Brad Wheeler	Dave Link
	Mike Rush	Scott Stern
	Paul Batcheller	Eddie Sullivan
	Jaret Heise	Jim Morgan
	Liza Clark	
Staff Present:	Nathan Lukkes (SDBOR)	
	Mel Ustad (GOED)	
	Marcy Olsen (GOED)	
	Jim Rice (South Dakota EPSCoR State Director)	

The meeting of the REACH Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00pm to make a recommendation for an interim SD EPSCoR state director and RII Track-1 project director to the REACH Committee.

In July 2017 Jim Rice told the Board of Regents and the Governor's Office of Economic Development he planned to retire on September 21, 2017. Eddie Sullivan thanked and commended Jim Rice for his work.

An interim SD EPSCoR state director and RII Track-1 project director will be named to serve through the end of this award which ends July 31, 2019. Nathan Lukkes recommended Mel Ustad be named the interim SD EPSCoR state director and RII Track-1 project director.

Dave Link moved to name Mel Ustad the interim SD EPSCoR state director and RII Track-1 project director. Liza Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed 9 – 0.

Jim Rice will send an email to the REACH Committee with the recommendation from the Executive Committee that Mel Ustad be named the interim SD EPSCoR state director and RII Track-1 project director. The REACH Committee will vote on the recommendation. If the REACH Committee approves Mel Ustad as the Project Director, Jim Rice will communicate the change to NSF before September 21, 2017.

The REACH Executive Committee will begin the process of identifying an individual to serve as the project director for the next NSF EPSCoR submission in the summer of 2018. The recommendation of the Executive Committee will be presented to the REACH Committee for approval.

Meeting adjourned 2:20pm.