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technology support to university faculty. The legislature also targeted a half-million dollars in cuts to the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, and \$660,000 from the School for the Deaf.

As a result of across-the-board cuts at the institutional level, reductions totaling nearly \$2.3 million came from a variety of programs and services at each institution.

"Obviously, some very hard decisions had to be made about how each campus is going to operate in the future — what they are going to do with research, how they are going to support students, and services to students," Kramer told the Regents as he reviewed a list that summarized the cuts to each regental institution.

On April 30, USD President James Abbott informed faculty and staff of the methods that will be used at the university to deal with nearly a \$1.2 million cut in its \$150 million budget.

The reduction in funding made it necessary to eliminate three positions, specifically two faculty positions and one CSA (Career Service Act) position.

Nine positions at USD — specifically five faculty, two CSA and two non-faculty exempt (NFE) — will experience reductions in contracts.

Seventeen vacant positions will be eliminated next year. Those positions include five CSA, eight faculty, and four NFE.

Eleven new positions will be created: seven faculty, two CSA and two NFE.

But a net of 10 graduate assistant positions will be eliminated, specifically two in the school of medicine Ph.D program, two in the computer science Ph.D program, and one in the president's office.

Regent Harvey Jewett,

Aberdeen, expressed a belief that higher education in South Dakota is bearing more than 64 percent of the cuts made in the state budget.

"Most of the rest of those 'cuts' aren't cuts," he said, referring to what has been described as areas that have been trimmed from the state budget. "There are omissions to the state; they over fund Medicaid, and then they had to remit the overpayment. That's not a cut. They (the Legislature) did that in several instances; the tech schools got a 3 percent raise, and then they cut it in half. That's a raise in my opinion.

"I think the numbers were dummed up," he said, "so that we essentially paid everything,

really ... we're the only ones that really got cut," he said.

"I think the fact that we are physically cutting programs in our institutions and the media has covered it pretty well, has resonated with the public more than the shell game that's being played in Pierre every Legislative session," said Regent James Hansen of Pierre. "When they see and hear and read about the fact that we're actually just cutting programs and their students aren't going to have the opportunity to enter a program they might want as a result of cuts, I think that resonates more than anything in this atmosphere."

South Dakota Receives Two Disaster Declarations For Flooding, Snow

PIERRE (AP) — President Barack Obama has approved two disaster declarations to help South Dakota counties recover from spring flooding and an April snowstorm that left some homes darkened for up to a week.

The declarations announced Thursday by Gov. Mike Rounds paved the way for federal aid to help with the cost of repairs. Thirty counties were included in the flooding declaration.

Preliminary assessments show widespread flooding caused more than \$8 million in damage to roads, culverts, bridges and other public infrastructure.

Counties eligible for federal flood assistance are: Aurora, Beadle, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lyman, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner,

Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Turner and Union.

Corson, Perkins and Ziebach counties, which suffered an estimated \$1.6 million in damage from the April 2 snowstorm, were included in the other declaration. Two other recent presidential disaster declarations were issued to help South Dakota recover from a Christmas blizzard and a late-January ice storm.

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Warner urged the Regents to approve the change, even though B.S.N. programs are already offered at other state-run schools.

"You have heard me in the past talk about what I consider to be necessary duplication of programs versus unnecessary," he said. "Whenever there are job vacancy rates in an industry, when there are shortages of people to fill existing positions, I consider that it is a necessary duplication."

Most courses in the newly approved program will be offered online to current RNs who will pay full program costs through the existing self-support tuition rate. USD is expected to accept students starting in summer 2011, after approval from the state Board of Nursing. No new state resources or additional student fees were requested to implement the program.

"As a state, we are aging and so is the existing nursing workforce," said Regents President Terry Baloun. "We see a strong demand for additional nurses, especially those who will have the preparation and experience that comes with a four-year nursing degree."

Due to the direction of the nursing profession and the state's workforce needs, Regents became convinced of the program's viability, Baloun said.

"There is a long-term need for registered nurses, and those RNs who have graduated from the two-year nursing program need convenient access to a bachelor's degree in order to advance in their careers or be eligible for admission into graduate programs in the health care field," he said.

USD's associate degree in nursing will continue with no changes, since it produces the majority of the system's two-year degrees and there will continue to be strong demand across South Dakota to hire entry-level nurses with an associate degree.

The long-standing B.S. degree in nursing at South Dakota State University will continue, as will SDSU's Upward Mobility program for RNs. USD also intends to continue its "one-plus-one" arrangement with Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, so that Lake Area's licensed practical nursing graduates can complete courses for the USD associate degree in nursing and become registered nurses.

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