

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Chain of Command

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A chain of command is established to ensure prompt response to situations requiring immediate action in the event that the University President is not immediately available.

The following individuals, in the order listed, will be in charge and responsible for making decisions that require immediate action to provide for the safety or security of the campus, students or employees.

1. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
2. Vice President for Finance
3. Vice President for Research
4. Vice President for Operations
5. Associate Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students
6. Associate Vice President of External Affairs
7. Director of Athletics

In the event of an emergency, the order listed above may change based on the Incident Command Structure required for the response in accordance with the university's Emergency Management Plan.

The university will at all times have at least one individual in the above list available via cell phone and within a thirty-minute commute time from the university. If a situation arises in which all individuals in the above list will be out of the area, the President shall designate someone to serve as the on-campus representative.

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