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Schamber Sees Regents' Fellowship as an Opportunity

PIERRE – Sandee Chamber, director of the Office of Field Experiences and associate education professor at Black Hills State University, has been serving as a Regents' Fellow for the South Dakota Board of Regents since January.

The regents' fellowship is offered to regular tenure-track faculty and administrative professionals in the regental system. Each fellow works on a specific set of issues for the regents. Chamber has been focused on teacher education.

“Being a Regents' Fellow has given me the opportunity to view many issues through a new and different lens. As a faculty member on campus I was familiar with many different issues, policies, and procedures; as a Regents' Fellow I still see these, but in new and different ways with multiple perspectives. I wish there was a way that every faculty member could have this opportunity,” said Chamber.

Early into her fellowship Chamber was able to experience the South Dakota legislative session. “I had no idea how many people were working so hard in support of higher education, nor did I realize how many challenges they faced,” commented Chamber.

One of her main focuses as a fellow has been working with the Teacher Quality Enhancement grant which gives Chamber the opportunity to positively impact teacher education in South Dakota.

“The regents are pleased that Sandee decided to take on the fellowship. Her experience in teacher education has been an asset. She has been able to provide a fresh prospective to various projects and issues,” said Robert T. Tad Perry, the regents' executive director.

Schamber has been with BHSU since 1996. Prior to joining BHSU she taught elementary and middle school. Chamber has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Dakota and a master's degree in science education from BHSU.

“If I were to summarize what I have learned in the past three months, it would be that I have gained a new appreciation for the public institutions in South Dakota as a system, as opposed to a collection of individual institutions,” said Chamber.