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Cozzetto Joins Regents' Staff as Fellow

PIERRE, S.D. – Don Cozzetto has been named a Regents' Fellow, the South Dakota Board of Regents announced Friday.

Cozzetto, who had been Northern State University's academic vice president since 1999, will work with regents' system staff on academic issues. "The heart of the public university system is its academics—what happens in the classroom and the quality of that instruction," said Robert T. Tad Perry, the regents' executive director. "Don's extensive classroom and administrative experience will be a big asset to us while he is here."

Perry said Cozzetto will be assigned to work on a variety of projects to improve academic quality at the state's six public universities. Cozzetto also hopes to further his skills in working with external groups and state policymakers. "This is an exciting time for higher education in South Dakota," Cozzetto said. "I welcome the opportunity to work with a talented and dedicated staff on a number of critical policy issues that will steer the future direction of South Dakota's public higher education system."

Prior to coming to Northern State, Cozzetto was professor and dean of the College of Professional Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. His academic resume also includes positions at the University of North Dakota and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Cozzetto's academic expertise and interests are focused on public personnel, public budgeting, and financial management. He has published more than 25 books and journal articles in public administration and public policy, and has acted as a consultant to a number of state, county, and municipal public and not-for-profit organizations in both the U.S. and Canada. He served in senior management positions for Canadian government prior to his higher education career.

He holds a B.A. degree from Notre Dame University (British Columbia), a master's degree from Carleton University, and a Ph.D. in public administration and public policy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The Regents' Fellow program provides a professional development opportunity for regular tenure-track faculty and administrative professionals in the Board of Regents' system. Fellows undertake assignments at the direction of senior BOR staff.