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## **Campus Community Representatives Appointed for Presidential Search at BHSU**

PIERRE, S.D. – Eleven people have been appointed by the South Dakota Board of Regents to serve as campus community representatives on the Black Hills State University Presidential Search and Screen Committee.

“We will look to these people to play a significant role in the search process for Black Hills State’s new president,” said Regent James Hansen of Pierre, who chairs the search. Other regents serving on the search committee are Kathryn Johnson of Hill City; Randy Morris of Spearfish; and Harvey Jewett of Aberdeen, ex officio member.

Named as campus community representatives and the constituencies they represent are:

- **Community** – Robert Knapp, president of Great Western Bank
- **BHSU Foundations** – Beth Benning, Spearfish city finance officer
- **Alumni** – Larry Vavruska, president of the BHSU Foundation and retired Spearfish School District business manager
- **Executive Team** – Dean Myers, vice president for academic affairs
- **Career Service Employees** – Myron Sullivan, campus security supervisor
- **Administration** – Ben Sayler, director of the Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education
- **Faculty** – Betsy Silva, associate professor of physical education; Mary Rogers, assistant professor of human services
- **Students** – Megan Wyett, special education/elementary education senior; Kelly Kirk, history/political science sophomore
- **Institutional Collaboration** – Charles Ruch, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology president

Working with the search committee will be Robert T. Tad Perry, executive director of the Board of Regents, and Mary Turman, the board’s executive assistant. James B. Appleberry of Academic Search Consultation Service will be a consultant to the committee and regents during the search process.

BHSU President Thomas Flickema recently announced his plans to retire July 1, 2006, after more than 11 years as president at the Spearfish campus.