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SDSU President Miller Announces Plans to Retire

MADISON, S.D. – Peggy Miller, president of South Dakota State University since 1998, will retire from the South Dakota public higher education system at the end of 2006, the South Dakota Board of Regents said Thursday. The announcement came during a regular meeting of the board in Madison.

“Under Peggy Miller’s leadership, South Dakota State University has grown to a Division I university serving more than 11,000 students,” Regents President Harvey C. Jewett said. “The Brookings campus has blossomed as a result of her commitment to increase scholarship opportunities, partner the university’s research activities with local and regional economic development, and upgrade the campus physical plant through new construction and renovation.”

Miller points to the Lead Forward Land Grant plan for SDSU and creation of the Jackrabbit Guarantee scholarship program in 2002 among the achievements she is most proud of during her tenure. “Because of dedicated faculty and staff, and strong support from the community and our alumni, we are seeing the resultant growth of the university through careful planning and a vision for the future,” Miller said. “That is very exciting, and why I am so proud to be a part of the SDSU family.”

Among other developments during her time in Brookings, Miller said she is proud of the new vision established for the Cooperative Extension Service; the rebuilding of the university’s research infrastructure to include a research park, new Ph.D. programs, and specialized research centers; creation of the Honors College; and a greater emphasis on the international perspective with the addition of a global studies major, educational and exchange programs in international affairs, and study abroad experiences for SDSU students.

Before coming to SDSU, Miller was a senior fellow and acting vice president for academic and international programs at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C. President Miller served as president of the University of Akron from 1992-96 and chancellor at Indiana University Northwest from 1983-1992. She holds degrees from Indiana University, Northwestern University, and Transylvania University.

Jewett said the Board of Regents will announce soon a presidential search process and timeline for securing Miller’s successor.