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Campus and Community Representatives to Participate in SDSU Presidential Search

PIERRE, SD – Campus and community representatives have been appointed to assist the South Dakota Board of Regents in its search for the next president of South Dakota State University. David L. Chicoine, South Dakota State’s president since 2007, recently announced his plans to leave the presidency next year and continue as a faculty member on the Brookings campus.

“We greatly value the input we receive from these campus and community leaders who assist us on the presidential search and screen committee. It is important to have those viewpoints as we select the next leader for South Dakota State University,” said Regent Kathryn Johnson, who will chair the search process. Other regents on the search committee are Jim Morgan and Bob Sutton, with Regents President Randy Schaefer serving in an ex-officio capacity.

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

- **Community-** Carla Gatzke, vice president for human resources, Daktronics; Dana Dykhouse, chief executive officer, First PREMIER Bank
- **SDSU Foundation-** Kim Tyler, chair, SDSU Foundation Board of Governors; Jerry Lohr, president, J. Lohr Properties and the J. Lohr Winery
- **Alumni-** Kevin Tetzlaff, president/CEO, First Bank & Trust Brookings
- **Administration-** Nancy Fahrenwald, dean and professor of nursing; Mary Kay Helling, associate vice president for Academic Affairs
- **Civil Service Employees-** Marla Mitchell, SDSU Facilities and Customer Service Purchasing and Inventory Lead
- **Non-Faculty Exempt Employees-** Suzanne Stluka, director of Extension Food & Families Program
- **Faculty-** Allen Jones, professor of engineering; Mary Moeller, associate professor of education and human services; and Scott Smalley, assistant professor of agricultural education
- **Students-** Madelin Mack, senior English major; Shaheed Shihan, international graduate student, data science program major
- **Institutional Collaboration-** Heather Wilson, president of South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- **At-Large-** Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov. Dennis Daugaard

The Board of Regents is working with Lucy Leske and Ann Yates of the executive search firm, Witt/Kieffer, to identify and review candidates. The search process gets underway next month. Contingent on a successful search, Johnson said the timeline calls for the new president of South Dakota State University to be appointed in May and begin duties on or around July 1, 2016.