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National Search Begins for SDSU President

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has begun a national search to find a new president for South Dakota State University in Brookings.

“We are looking for a strong leader with a national reputation in higher education administration,” said Regent Terry Baloun, who is chairing the search. “We expect to begin reviewing credentials by mid-June, and hope to have the search completed in time for a new president to take office next January.”

The new president will succeed Peggy Miller, who retires later this year after nine years at the helm of SDSU. The institution serves about 11,000 students both on and off campus, with a budget of about \$142 million. It offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in agriculture, sciences, liberal arts, engineering, nursing, pharmacy, education, and family and consumer sciences.

The regents’ search committee, along with campus and community representatives who advise in the process, met earlier this month to review the president’s qualifications. That information, available online at www.sdbor.edu/SDSUPresidentialSearch/index.htm, will be featured in national and regional advertisements and used elsewhere in the search process.

“We hope to recruit a successful executive with a history of skillful management, responsible budgeting, and strong planning abilities,” Baloun said. “The next president must also listen well, bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the university, be an articulate advocate for SDSU, and have a proven record of success as an effective fundraiser.” He said qualified candidates would be committed to expanding research funding and achievements at SDSU, and must strongly support the institution’s land-grant mission of connecting university knowledge to the broad benefit of South Dakota citizens. In addition, the search committee is looking for an administrator who leads by example and demonstrates the importance of diversity within the university and community.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, and the search committee also invites interested persons to nominate candidates. Candidates should submit a letter of interest; a current resume or vitae; a statement of how their experiences and qualifications match the university’s mission, strategic direction, and desired presidential characteristics; and the names, postal and e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of at least five references to Regent Terry Baloun, South Dakota Board of Regents, 306 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 200, Pierre, SD 57501-2545. Candidates with questions about the process may contact Regents’ Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry at (605) 773-3455 or Elaine Hairston, Academic Search Consultation Service, at (740) 964-0905.