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## **Meyer Appointed to System Research Post**

PIERRE, S.D. – A native South Dakotan with a history of active research in medical and aerospace fields has been hired to assume leadership of a statewide university research initiative. Scott Meyer will become system vice president of research June 26, the South Dakota Board of Regents has announced.

“Dr. Meyer’s breadth of experience in research will be very valuable to the Board of Regents as we work to advance the state’s research agenda,” said Regents’ Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry. Meyer will be the regents’ point person on initiatives to translate more university-based research into positive economic development for South Dakota, Perry said.

Meyer is currently senior research specialist at the Avera Research Institute in Sioux Falls, where he develops and manages investigator-initiated research projects seeking to improve health care. His professional background includes working as a research physiologist with the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory in Pensacola, Fla., and as an experiment support scientist and exercise physiologist at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.

“Scott has also been the principal investigator on grants from the Small Business Innovation Research Program to develop new technologies for people with diabetes and osteoarthritis,” Perry said.

Meyer has been associated with several universities, including Mississippi State University, The University of South Dakota, Dakota State University, and the University of Sioux Falls. He was an associate professor at USD’s School of Medicine for five years, and directed the exercise science program at Dakota State University from 2002 to 2004.

Meyer holds a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from Florida State University, along with an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree from the University of Houston.