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South Dakota Native to Head Assessment Office

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents announces that Paul D. Turman has been appointed director of academic assessment for the South Dakota Board of Regents’ system.

“We are pleased to have Dr. Turman return to his home state to manage our system’s assessment activities,” said Robert T. Tad Perry, the regents’ executive director. “His experience teaching in the higher education classroom and conducting research projects will be a major asset to us.”

Turman will coordinate research and assessment projects for the regents, with primary oversight of the system plan for academic quality assurance and assessing academic achievement in teacher education programs. To accomplish this, Turman will work closely with campus representatives from these programs. More broadly, he will support academic quality assurance and assessment programs and coordinate activities required for other system-wide initiatives.

He comes to the regents’ office from the University of Northern Iowa, where he was an associate professor in the communication studies department. While at UNI, Turman was the recipient of several awards for outstanding teaching, research, and the advising of student organizations. His Ph.D. in communications studies is from The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also holds a bachelor and master’s degree from South Dakota State University.

Turman replaces Lynda Oldenkamp, who recently accepted an administrative position at Mount Marty College. He began his duties in Pierre Aug. 10.