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Campus Community Representatives to Participate in SDSMT Presidential Search

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A group of 11 people will assist the South Dakota Board of Regents in its search for the next president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, serving as campus community representatives on the presidential search and screen committee.

“We greatly value the input we receive from these campus and community leaders,” said Regent Randy Morris, who will chair the search process at School of Mines. Other regents serving on the search committee are Richard Belatti, Kathy Johnson, and Harvey Jewett.

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

- **Community**-Randy Hamburg, senior vice president at Wells Fargo Bank and vice chair of the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
- **SDSMT Foundation**-Randy L. Parcel, SDSMT graduate in mining engineering and semi-retired from the practice of natural resources law, living in Westminster, Colo.
- **Alumni**-Larry V. Pearson, president and CEO of Tenaska Inc.’s Operations Group, Omaha, Neb.
- **Executive Staff**-Julie Smoragiewicz, vice president for university and public relations
- **Career Service Employees**-Richard J. MacDonald, computer support analyst
- **Non-Faculty Exempt Employees**-Terry H. Lauritsen, controller and director of administrative services
- **Faculty**-Sid Goss, professor of sociology; Jon Kellar, chair and professor of materials and metallurgical engineering
- **Students**-Melanie Satchell, Student Association president; Brady Wiesner, civil engineering major
- **Institutional Collaboration**-Kay Schallenkamp, president of Black Hills State University

Working with the search committee will be Robert T. Tad Perry, executive director of the Board of Regents, and Mary Turman, the board’s executive assistant. Elaine H. Hairston of Academic Search Consultation Service is a consultant to the committee and regents in the search process.

Charles Ruch, president of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology since 2003, recently announced his plans to retire next summer.