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Constituent Panel to Participate in Executive Search

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has appointed a constituent panel to assist the board in reviewing candidates for the regents’ executive director and chief executive officer position.

“This panel reflects the different constituent groups who work in and with the regental system,” said Board President Terry Baloun. “We are grateful for the service these individuals are willing to give to the regents during this process.”

Accepting appointment to the constituent panel are the following:

- Faculty Members—Betsy Silva, BHSU; Sid Goss, SDSMT; Ron Utecht, SDSU; and Jane Mundschenk, South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Student Members—Alex Halbach, USD; Jill Kary, BHSU; and Lukasz Dubaj, SDSMT.
- Institutional Executives—DSU President Doug Knowlton; USD President Jim Abbott; and Marje Kaiser, superintendent of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Institutional Administrators—Judy Bakkene, academic dean at South Dakota School for the Deaf; Rick Melmer, dean of the USD School of Education; and Alan LaFave, dean of the NSU School of Fine Arts.
- Foundation and Alumni—Jerry Lohr, SDSU; Miles Beacom, DSU; and Mike Evans, NSU.
- Board System Staff—Monte Kramer, system vice president for administration, and Janice Minder, director of human resources.
- State Legislature—House Speaker Tim Rave; Assistant Senate Minority Leader Gary Hanson; House Minority Leader Bernie Hunhoff; and Senate Majority Leader Dave Knudson.
- Neil Fulton, chief of staff to Gov. Mike Rounds, is also a panel member.

The board is working with Elaine Hairston from Academic Search Consultation Service to identify and review candidates. Baloun said the search for a new executive director and chief executive officer will be completed by early summer.