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New Leadership Tapped for Capital University Center

PIERRE, S.D. – A long-time Pierre resident has been named as executive director of Capital University Center by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Janelle Toman is director of communications for the Board of Regents and has managed the public university system's government and media relations efforts since 2002. Toman will retain those duties for the regents, and add leadership responsibility for CUC to her portfolio of work, said Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO.

As part of the Board of Regents' system, CUC is one of three off-campus higher education centers in South Dakota that primarily serve place-bound and non-traditional students. Since 1982, CUC has been serving the higher education and lifelong learning needs of central South Dakota.

"I am pleased that someone with Janelle's skills and contacts will provide the daily leadership and management oversight at CUC," Warner said. "I know she will also be a strong advocate, looking for new and innovative ways to deliver higher education services to local citizens, state government, industry, and business in this part of the state," he said.

Toman moved to Pierre in 1981 when she started working as a reporter and editor for United Press International, covering South Dakota state government, the legislature, and breaking news. She later entered public service, working for the state departments of labor and education and as press secretary to two South Dakota governors, George S. Mickelson and Walter D. Miller.

She holds a doctorate in educational administration, with an adult and higher education specialization, from the University of South Dakota. She has a master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University and an undergraduate degree in journalism from South Dakota State University. Toman is an active community volunteer and serves on the boards of Capital Area United Way, Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting, and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

She replaces Ron Woodburn, who recently retired as CUC's executive director.