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University Center, Sioux Falls announces Craig Johnson as Executive Director

VERMILLION, S.D. – Craig Johnson, director of Winona State University-Rochester, has been named Executive Director of the University Center, Sioux Falls.

As Executive Director of the University Center, Sioux Falls, Johnson will be responsible for the Center's leadership and daily operations. With the position administratively attached to the University of South Dakota, he will report directly to USD President James W. Abbott. Johnson's appointment was announced jointly today by USD and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

"The Regents are pleased to welcome Craig Johnson to our public university system, I look forward to working with him," said Jack Warner, the regents' executive director and CEO.

"I am very excited to have Craig Johnson in this leadership role at University Center, Sioux Falls," stated James W. Abbott, president of the University of South Dakota, part of a consortium of South Dakota's public universities (USD, Black Hills State, Dakota State, Northern State and South Dakota State) that serve the needs of the Sioux Falls community. "Craig has demonstrated the ability to manage diverse programs and facilitate educational collaborations that will serve him well as executive director of University Center."

As Winona State University-Rochester Director, Johnson oversaw leadership and management of campus operations. Prior to Winona State University-Rochester, Johnson served for seven years as campus administrator for the West Bend campus of Moraine Park Technical College in southeast Wisconsin. He is in the process of finalizing the requirements for his Ed.D. in graduate studies, which he will receive from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities next year. Johnson also has master's degrees in art history from Tulane University, and higher education/administration and organization from the University of Minnesota; and a B.S. in art from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

About The University of South Dakota

Founded in 1862, the University of South Dakota is designated as the only public liberal arts university in the state and is home to a comprehensive College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, the state's only School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Health Sciences, the accredited Beacom School of Business and the College of Fine Arts. It has an enrollment of more than 10,200 students taught by more than 400 faculty members. More information is available at www.usd.edu/press/news.

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