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## **Four Finalists Named for Black Hills State Presidency**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents announced today four candidates who are finalists to become the next president at Black Hills State University.

Regent Kathryn Johnson, who chairs the presidential search process, said the finalists will be on campus in Spearfish Wednesday and Thursday (April 23-24) for scheduled meetings with constituents. A search is underway to replace President Kay Schallenkamp, who is retiring.

The finalists are:

- **Lorrie Clemo, provost and vice president of academic affairs, Syracuse, N.Y., State University of New York at Oswego.** Clemo has been at SUNY-Oswego since 1988, where she advanced through faculty and research appointments in the Department of Political Science to assume increasingly responsible roles in administration and strategic planning. As provost and vice president for academic affairs, she oversees 120 instructional programs, 500 full-time and 275 part-time employees, supports 8,300 students, and is responsible for a \$51 million budget. She holds Ph.D. and master's degrees in political science from Binghamton (N.Y.) University and a bachelor's degree in political science from LeMoyne (N.Y.) College.
- **Mary Holz-Clause, Coventry, Conn., vice president for economic development, University of Connecticut.** Holz-Clause, who also holds a faculty position in the University of Connecticut's Department of Extension, created and developed an Office of Economic Development at UConn, along with a business development branch to focus on business start-ups, entrepreneurial and technology-based firms, business incubators, and support of existing business. Prior to her work in Connecticut, she was the associate vice president for Extension at Iowa State University. She holds a Ph.D. in agriculture education and Extension from Iowa State, where she also completed her master of public administration and B.S. degree in agriculture business.
- **Tom Jackson Jr., Louisville, Ky., vice president for student affairs, University of Louisville.** Jackson has held leadership roles in student affairs at several universities, including Louisville, Texas A&M University, McMurry University, and the University of

Texas-El Paso. He was also elected as president of the American College Personnel Association in 2009-10. In his current role, he oversees 475 professional and student employees and more than \$80 million in facilities and resources. Jackson holds an Ed.D. degree in educational management from University of La Verne (Calif.). He has a master's in counseling/student personnel from Pennsylvania's Shippensburg University, a bachelor's degree from Southwest (Minn.) State University, and an associate degree from Highline Community College in Washington state.

- **Mark H. Nook, Madison, Wis., senior vice president for academic affairs, University of Wisconsin System.** Nook holds one of two senior vice president positions within the University of Wisconsin System. He works closely with chancellors, provosts, and senior student affairs officers, as well as faculty, academic staff, and student governance representatives from institutions within the Wisconsin system. He is the principal staff liaison to the Education Committee of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents. Prior to this, Nook took campus-based leadership roles at both University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and St. Cloud (Minn.) State University. Nook holds a Ph.D. degree in astronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.S. degree in astrophysics from Iowa State University, and bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Southwest (Minn.) State University.

Copies of finalists' professional vitae are posted at <http://www.sdbor.edu/BHSUSearch/index.htm>. The Board of Regents will meet in executive session with the finalists during their campus visits. No action will be taken at these meetings.