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## **Search Process Begins for Next SDSM&T President**

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents is taking initial steps to launch its search for the next president at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Four regents have been chosen to serve on the search committee.

With the death last month of Mines President Robert Wharton, the regents will be selecting a new leader for the Rapid City-based campus. “Choosing its chief executive officers is a very important job for the Board of Regents, and a duty each of us takes most seriously,” said Regents President Kathryn Johnson. “While we mourn President Wharton’s passing, it is important to move forward and identify a new leader who will share his or her vision with the campus and its community.”

President Johnson has appointed Regent Terry Baloun of Seneca to chair the search process. Regents Dean Krogman of Brookings and Randy Morris of Spearfish will also serve on the SDSM&T search committee, with Johnson serving the committee in an ex-officio capacity as the board’s president.

The board is also beginning the process of identifying representatives of the campus and community, nominated by their peers, to assist in the presidential search. It is expected that the full search committee, when chosen, will include the four regents, two students, two faculty members, one administrator, one non-faculty exempt employee, one career-service employee, one alumnus, one foundation representative, one community representative, a member at-large, and a current president from the public university system.

A preliminary timeline calls for the search process to begin in earnest this fall, with a new institutional leader announced on or before the board’s May 2013 meeting.