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Regents Announce Search Process for Next Dakota State President

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has established a general process and timeline to find the next president for Dakota State University at Madison. The person chosen will replace Douglas Knowlton, who recently announced plans to take a higher education position in Minnesota.

“We sincerely thank Doug Knowlton for his eight years of service to Dakota State University, the Madison community, and the state’s public higher education system,” said Regents President Kathryn Johnson. “Because President Knowlton’s departure will occur in February and it is often difficult to bring someone permanently on board that late in the academic year, we intend to employ an interim president while the board carefully and thoughtfully searches for the right person to lead Dakota State University in the years ahead,” she said.

Knowlton’s last day with the South Dakota public higher education system is Feb. 10, 2012. He will become vice chancellor for academic and student affairs with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

Johnson said the board intends to announce soon an interim president for Dakota State University to begin Feb. 1. At its meeting next June, the board then will announce members of a search and screen committee to assist it in the presidential search. The committee will include representatives from the Dakota State University campus and the Madison community.

The search process will launch officially in October 2012, once the new academic year is under way. Contingent on a successful search, Johnson said the timeline calls for the new president of Dakota State University to be appointed in May 2013. “The board wants to conduct a thoughtful and deliberative search, in order to find the best possible candidate,” explained Jack Warner, the regents’ executive director and CEO. “The best candidates are generally available to begin just prior to the fall term,” he said.