

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget & Finance

**AGENDA ITEM: 9 – L
DATE: June 26-28, 2018**

SUBJECT

Resolution of Recognition – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Board of Regents Central Office and South Dakota State University request approval to recognize Wes Tschetter for 36 years of dedicated service to the students, to the University, to the Board of Regents System, to the community, and to his profession as the Vice President of Finance and Business and Chief Financial Officer (Attachment I). Throughout his career, he has dedicated his time to the successful operation of SDSU finance and administration, and provided leadership and mentorship to other university finance officers. Wes has served the SDBOR system and the state of South Dakota with distinction throughout his long tenure.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The faculty, staff, students, and alumni of South Dakota State University support this request to recognize and express appreciation to Mr. Tschetter.

Board staff also wish to recognize his dedicated and meritorious service.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Special Resolution: SDSU – Wesley Tschetter

DRAFT MOTION 20180626_9-L:

I move to recognize Wesley Tschetter (SDSU) for his years of dedicated service to South Dakota’s system of public higher education.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wesley Tschetter, has served South Dakota State University (SDSU) for the past 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter fulfilled a 10-year career on the South Dakota Legislative Research Council, where he served as director his final seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter began his career at South Dakota State University in 1982 as the Director of Finance and Budget; promoted to Assistant Vice President – Finance & Business in 2000; had a title change in 2007 to Associate Vice President in 2007; and in 2009 his title was changed to Vice President for Finance & Business/Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter has provided strategic and operational leadership and direction for the university in the areas of finance, budget, facilities, auxiliary operations, human resources, post-award grants, and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter has been instrumental in putting students first by creating and supporting system efficiencies and providing leadership of BOR System operations including the Payroll Center, Accounts Payable, Shared International Employment Services Center and East River Card Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter's long history with state government and South Dakota State University have allowed him to serve as the System historian and provide valuable counsel to the Business Affairs Council and to mentor many of the finance vice presidents at the South Dakota public universities and special schools; and

WHEREAS, during a time when SDSU's enrollment has nearly doubled, Mr. Tschetter led the financial planning of dozens of new academic programs and campus building construction and renovation projects, including \$175 million investments in student residence halls, the University Student Union, the Wellness Center and the food service system; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, Mr. Tschetter has been a member of the board of directors and secretary to the State College Development Association, as property acquisition arm of South Dakota State where he developed and implemented the university property acquisition plan; and

WHEREAS, in the past 15 years, Mr. Tschetter has served on more than two dozen university and college accreditation site visit teams for the Higher Learning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tschetter served on the Brookings School Board, Brookings Chamber of Commerce board of directors, the chamber's government affairs committee, South Dakota Cement Plant Commission, the State Investment Council, the boards of the Brookings-based Advance and its foundation, and for 17 years on the board of trustees of the South Dakota Retirement System; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Wesley Tschetter be accorded special recognition for his outstanding service, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Wesley Tschetter.

Adopted this 28th day of June, 2018.

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