

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: II – A

DATE: June 10-11, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolutions of Recognition

Dakota State University requests approval to recognize Angie Thompson for her 16 years of outstanding service and dedication to public higher education and to the state of South Dakota (Attachment I).

The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired requests approval to recognize Diane Agnitsch, Instructional Assistant, for her 26 years of outstanding contributions, service, and dedication to the students of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and to the state of South Dakota (Attachment II).

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recognize Angie Thompson (DSU) and Diane Agnitsch (SDSBVI) for their years of dedicated service to the public higher education system of South Dakota.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ms. Angie Thompson has retired from active service at Dakota State University effective May 2015, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson has devoted 16 years of her career to Dakota State University, to provide outstanding support to the faculty, staff, and students, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson always went well above and beyond in everything that she did for her job and more. Coffee would be made and ready when staff arrived in the morning, gifts for special occasions would appear on desks, and the building was not only clean and neat but often decorated as well, and

WHEREAS, before every holiday Angie decorated the building; she hung Easter Bunny window clings, witches and pumpkins at Halloween, all over the building not just windows, Christmas made sure the tree was decorated and in the hallway. Additionally, she made sure the tables were set up in the office for the Christmas potluck and had Christmas table cloths covering them and also brought food to share, and

WHEREAS, Angie was always friendly to everyone, not just because it was good customer service but because that is the person she is. Angie is truly the type of person that has never met a stranger, she talks to everyone, makes sure they have what they need and goes out of her way for them, and

WHEREAS, Angie will be missed by everyone in the Science Center, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of the State of South Dakota and the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Dakota State University wish to recognize and express appreciation to Angie for her many years of dedicated service to the students, the staff, and to the University,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Angie Thompson be accorded special recognition for her outstanding service, and it is ordered that this Resolution be spread on the minutes of this Board and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Ms. Thompson.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2015.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Randy Schaefer, President

Bob Sutton, Vice President

Terry Baloun, Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Marysz Rames, Interim President
Dakota State University

Special Resolution Number 41-2015

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Diane J. Agnitsch, Instructional Assistant, will retire from the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired on June 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch dedicated herself to professional growth by obtaining and maintaining her certifications as a Brailist and a National Certified Transcriber; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch provided support and educational experiences at the SDSBVI through her deep sense of commitment to making a difference in the lives of students and worked with enthusiasm and creativity to help the students become the best they can be; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch has been very dedicated, flexible, and loving as she educated children that are blind and visually impaired in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch provided outstanding services to the SDSBVI through working on numerous special events and committees such as Steering Committee and Arts & Special Activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch is involved in our community and always has praise to share about our school with friends and family members. Diane is positive and enthusiastic when visiting students and their families about our school and student learning; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agnitsch was chosen as the outstanding SDSBVI Career Service Employee of the Year in 1998 for her outstanding service to the students at SDSBVI, being a role model for other employees, and for her work above and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Regents and staff, parents, and students at the SDSBVI wish to express appreciation to Mrs. Agnitsch for twenty-six (26) years of dedicated and caring service to the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, it is the desire of the Board of Regents to applaud and recognize Diane J. Agnitsch for her dedication, service, and contributions to the students of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and it is ordered that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Board and that a copy be forwarded to Mrs. Diane Agnitsch.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2015.

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Randy Schaefer, President

Bob Sutton, Vice President

Terry Baloun, Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Marjorie A. Kaiser, Superintendent
SD School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Special Resolution Number 42-2015