

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Surbeck Center Ballroom
Rapid City, South Dakota
April 25, 2013**

The Board of Regents convened in the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City and via teleconference at 1:30 p.m. on April 25, 2013.

ROLL CALL:

Terry Baloun – PRESENT
Harvey Jewett – ABSENT
Kathryn Johnson – PRESENT
Dean Krogman – PRESENT
Randy Morris – PRESENT via teleconference
Carole Pagonis – PRESENT via teleconference
Randy Schaefer – PRESENT via teleconference
Bob Sutton – PRESENT via teleconference
Patrick Weber – PRESENT

The MOTION CARRIED.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Jack Warner, Executive Director and CEO; Molly Weisgram, Mary Turman, BOR; and members of SDSM&T and the Rapid City community.

Regent President Dean Krogman called the public meeting of the Board of Regents to order and declared a quorum present. He announced that that the Board resolved into executive session at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in the Hardrock Room in Surbeck Center at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to discuss personnel matters, rising at 8:30 p.m. to recess for the day; reconvened in executive session at 8:00 a.m. on April 19, to continue discussing personnel and contractual matters; rising from executive session at 5:30 p.m. to recess until April 25, 2013.

Regent Terry Baloun reported that while in executive session, the Board considered personnel matters, and gave directions to its executive director concerning these matters.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Baloun, seconded by Regent Weber that the Board approve directions given to the executive director with respect to matters discussed in executive session, that it defer until the completion of further remarks at this meeting approval of the appointment of a successor to Dr. Robert Wharton as President of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology; and adopt the report of the Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baloun – AYE
Jewett – ABSENT
Johnson – AYE
Krogman – AYE
Morris – AYE
Pagones – AYE
Schaefer – AYE
Sutton – AYE
Weber – AYE

The MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Krogman thanked the campus community for its support during the presidential selection. He introduced and thanked the Regents search committee:

Terry Baloun, Chair
Randy Morris
Kathryn Johnson
Dean Krogman

He additionally introduced and thanked the Campus Search Committee:

Pat Mahon, Administrator
Molly Gribb, Faculty
Stan Howard, Faculty
Kati Johnson, Student
Spencer Ferguson, Student
Joseph Wright, Exempt Administrator
Cindy Christensen, Career Service
Ron Jeitz, Alumni Association
Tami Nelson, Foundation
Charles Hart, Community
David Chicoine, System President
Ben Snow, Member At Large

Regent Krogman explained that this has been a process that has taken considerable time and energy over the past six months. Each of the committee members made important contributions to the process and the selection of the school's next president. A special thank you to each of them for the professional manner in which they conducted the business of the committee.

Regent Krogman went on to introduce Dr. Hrcir and Royia. Dr. Hrcir was appointed acting president in September. He has been an extraordinary leader for the university, and he will continue to serve as acting president until the new president assumes the leadership position. He has been a solid and steady presence on this campus. He brought students, faculty, and staff together during a time of loss and heartache, while diligently pursuing the university's long-term

goals and future vision. We look forward to Duane's continuing service as provost and vice president for academic affairs.

At this point, Regent Krogman recognized Regent Baloun's work as chairman of the search committee.

Regent Baloun began by thanking the campus community for its participation in the process. He explained how the campus assisted the Board in the beginning by nominating colleagues to serve on the search committee, by soliciting and making nominations of outstanding candidates, by patiently responding to the process, and by participating in the two-day campus interviews. He expressed his belief that the search was conducted in a professional manner and that it resulted in the selection of a quality leader for South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He added his thanks to all those who participated in the search committee. He noted the results of this search are directly attributed to their dedication and commitment. He stated that one of the great things about the selection process is that it allows the campuses and the Board of Regents to become better acquainted and to work together on issues concerning all of us. Given the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, such cooperation can only be beneficial.

He said this effort has also served to remind the Board of the extremely valuable role that South Dakota School of Mines and Technology plays in the development of the region's economy and its people. So as South Dakota stands at the beginning of the century, proud of its past and confident in its future, the role of its universities is more vital than ever before. This new century will demand tools, talent, drive, and vision—without which we as a state could never have come this far and without which we will go no further. Our search for excellence also demands leadership that is responsive and innovative; aware not only of the present, but also of the potential.

Regent Baloun said at this time he was pleased to present to the Board of Regents a report from the presidential search committee. With an outstanding field of candidates, the committee narrowed the field to an excellent pool of finalists that visited the campus last week.

It is from this group of talented and experienced leaders that I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Dr. Heather Wilson as President of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

He said Dr. Wilson is a former member of Congress and president, Heather Wilson & Company LLC. As an entrepreneur and small business owner, she has worked with large defense and scientific companies, including top-tier national laboratories like Sandia, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge, the Nevada Test Site, Battelle Memorial Institute, and others. She served New Mexico in the U.S. Congress from 1998 to 2009. Before being elected to the Congress, she was the cabinet secretary of New Mexico's Children, Youth, and Families Department, where she was chief executive of a state agency with a \$216 million budget and 2,000 employees. Dr. Wilson earned her bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy in the third class to include women. She completed her master's and doctoral degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England.

He introduced Dr. Heather Wilson and her children, Caitlin and Joshua.

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Baloun, seconded by Regent Johnson that Dr. Heather Wilson be appointed President of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology effective June 17, 2013.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Baloun – AYE
Jewett – ABSENT
Johnson – AYE
Krogman – AYE
Morris – AYE
Pagonis – AYE
Schaefer – AYE
Sutton – AYE
Weber – AYE

The MOTION CARRIED.

Regent Baloun invited Dr. Wilson to make brief remarks.

Dr. Wilson made remarks regarding her enthusiasm for the role of President of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and her vision for its future.

Regent Krogman announced that Dr. Wilson, Dr. Warner, and the other Regents would be available to the media for interviews following the meeting adjournment.

ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED by Regent Johnson, seconded by Regent Weber to adjourn the meeting of the full board at 1:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Baloun – AYE
Jewett – ABSENT
Johnson – AYE
Krogman – AYE
Morris – AYE
Pagonis – AYE
Schaefer – AYE
Sutton – AYE
Weber – AYE

The MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.