

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **2010-11 ACADEMIC YEAR (As of July 2010)**

The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is one of six universities operating under the authority assigned by the Constitution of the State of South Dakota to the nine member Board of Regents. The mission of the university is established by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota with programs and organization approved by the Board of Regents. The president is delegated to administer the operation of the university. The traditional collegial process of shared governance for the formation of policies and oversight includes representative organizations to provide recommendations to the president for implementation as appropriate.

### **Councils**

#### **Executive Council**

The Executive Council is the principal administrative unit at the university. The council members are the president, assistant to the president, provost and vice president for academic affairs, vice president for business and administration, vice president for university advancement, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, vice president for research, SDSM&T Foundation president, and director of the Alumni Association.

#### **University Cabinet**

The University Cabinet meets at the call of the president and advises the president concerning the development of policy, the governance of the university, strategic planning, and the fiscal operation of the university. The University Cabinet consists of: the president, assistant to the president, provost and vice president for academic affairs, vice president for business and administration, vice president for university advancement, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, vice president for research, director of athletics, SDSM&T Foundation president, chair of the faculty senate, director of the Alumni Association, dean of graduate education, director of multicultural affairs, chair of the exempt employees council, chair of the career service council, president of the student

association, and the director of facility services.

#### **Career Service Council**

The Career Service Act employees elect the Career Service Council members.

#### **Exempt Employees Council**

The Exempt Employees Advisory Council is elected by the administrative employees who are exempt from the Career Service Act of the state of South Dakota.

#### **Faculty Senate**

The Faculty Senate consists of nine voting members, two non-voting (ex-officio) members and is chaired by the chair of the Faculty Senate. Three voting members each are elected from the engineering, science, and liberal arts faculty. The ex-officio members are the vice president for research and the provost and vice president for academic affairs. All faculty members may vote in the election of representatives from their discipline and each is eligible for election as a discipline representative.

#### **Student Association**

The Senate of the Student Association is the elected representative council for the formation of recommendations on behalf of enrolled students, including the fees charged to students and the operation of student activities funded through student fees.

### **Executive Council**

**WHARTON, ROBERT A.** (2008) President. B.A., M.A., Humboldt State University; Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

**GARNER, GRAHAM** (2010) Vice President for University Advancement. B.A., Idaho State University; M.P.A., Idaho State University.

**HENDERSON, TIMOTHY G.** (1981) Vice President, Business and Administration. B.S., University of South Dakota.

**HOFFART, HEATHER C.** (2010) Executive Assistant to the President. B.A., Arizona State University.

**MAHON, PATRICIA G.** (2000) Vice President, Student Affairs and Dean of Students. B.S., M.S., Montana State University-Billings; Ph.D., Kansas State University.

**PAPPEL, L. ROD** (1991) President, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Foundation. B.S., M.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Registered Professional Engineer (South Dakota).

**VOTTERO, TIMOTHY J.** (1998) Director, Alumni Association. B.S., South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

**HRNCIR, DUANE C.** (2006) Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs. B.S., University of Alabama; M.S., University of Massachusetts; Ph.D., Texas A&M University.

**WHITE, RONALD J.** Vice President, Research Affairs. B.S., University of Southwestern Louisiana; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison.