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## BOARD SELECTS NEW KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Kirk H. Schulz to be KSU's 13th President

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that Dr. Kirk H. Schulz will be Kansas State University's (KSU) new president. The Board voted to approve Dr. Schulz's appointment then officially introduced the new president during its monthly meeting at the Board of Regents' office. Dr. Schulz will begin his presidency on July 1.

"The Board is proud to announce that Dr. Kirk Schulz will be Kansas State University's new president," said Regent Donna Shank of Liberal, Chair of the Board of Regents. "Dr. Schulz rose to the top of an exceptional field of candidates, and we're extremely impressed by his experience, character, and the enthusiasm he will bring with him to Manhattan. In addition, we are particularly impressed with the level of success and achievement he has attained at each and every stage of his academic and administrative career thus far."

Dr. Schulz is currently the Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Mississippi State University. He has served on the faculty of Mississippi State University, a land-grant institution, for the past seven and a half years, and previously served on the faculties of Michigan Technological University and the University of North Dakota. Previous administrative positions include Dean of Engineering at Mississippi State University and Chair of the Chemical Engineering Department at Mississippi State University and Michigan Technological University. Dr. Schulz earned a Ph.D. and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Tech University. His application letter and resume can be found on the KSU Presidential Search page on the Board's website at the following link: http://www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html.

Dr. Schulz will be formally introduced to the KSU campus and the Manhattan community next Thursday, February 19. Details regarding that event will be released soon. The campus and community will be invited and are encouraged to attend.

"I certainly want to thank the Presidential Search Committee, Search Committee Chair Nelson Galle, and the K-State campus and Manhattan communities for their involvement, interest, and dedication to the presidential search process," said Shank. "I also want to thank Mr. John Hicks of the Academic Search Consultation Service for the assistance he provided throughout the search process. This is an exciting time at K-State. I'm confident that Dr. Schulz's leadership

abilities will serve the university, the Manhattan community, and the state of Kansas well for many years to come."

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## About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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