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## **KSU PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS SELECTED**

### *Three Finalists to Visit Campus over the Next Three Weeks*

(TOPEKA) – The three individuals selected as presidential finalists for Kansas State University (KSU) will soon visit Manhattan and the KSU campus.

The first finalist, Dr. Kirk H. Schulz, and his wife, Noel, will meet with campus and community groups on Thursday, January 15 and Friday, January 16. Dr. Schulz is 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 faculty 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>.

“The K-State Presidential search committee has selected and invited for campus and community visits three excellent candidates,” said Nelson Galle of Manhattan, former-Regent and Chair of the KSU Presidential Search Committee. “They are energetic, qualified, and experienced leaders who could effectively lead K-State into the future by building on the outstanding leadership that President Wefald has provided us over the past 23 years. All three have experience that is deeply rooted in the land-grant tradition, and they understand the importance of a land-grant university's mission to the students and people of Kansas.”

The second presidential finalist will visit KSU on January 22 and 23; the third will visit on January 26 and 27. Additional details regarding these two remaining finalists will be released immediately prior to their visits.

In May, President Jon Wefald announced that he would retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year after what will be 23 years of service as KSU's President. Shortly thereafter, the Board initiated the search process by selecting Galle to chair the search committee. In July, the Board selected the members of the search committee; 18 individuals representing KSU constituencies such as faculty, students, administration, staff, alumni/foundation, the Manhattan community, and the Board of Regents. The Search Committee began its work in August, and,

following the visits by the three finalists, will submit to the Board of Regents an unranked list of the top candidates who are the most qualified for Board selection as President of KSU. The Board expects a new president to be designated early in 2009, to assume the presidency at KSU on or about July 1, 2009.

Additional search details can be found on the KSU Presidential Search page on the Board's website at the following link: [www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html](http://www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html).

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