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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE VISITS SCHEDULED

(Boise). The co-chairs for the University of Idaho presidential search committee, Paul Agidius and Sue Thilo have announced that two candidates will visit the University of Idaho.

Kansas State University Provost, Dr. Duane Nellis will visit the University of Idaho campus in Moscow as well as UI locations in Coeur d'Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls. Nellis' visit will start Monday, February 2, 2009 in Coeur d'Alene, UI Moscow and UI Boise on Tuesday, February 3, and finish with a visit to University Place in Idaho Falls on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

Montana State University Provost, Dr. David Dooley, will visit the University of Idaho campus in Coeur d'Alene on Sunday evening, February 8th, followed by a tour and meetings of UI in Moscow on Monday, February 9, as well as UI Boise that evening. Dr. Dooley will finish his campus tours/visits with meetings and tours in Idaho Falls on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

"This search process attracted an exceptionally strong field of candidates," said Regent, and committee co-chair Sue Thilo. *"Our committee was very impressed by everyone we interviewed."* Fellow co-chair and Regent Paul Agidius added, *"I'm anxious for these two finalists to visit the campus. They bring a very impressive skill set with them."*

The Idaho State Board of Education, which is also the Board of Regents for the University of Idaho (UI), appointed 14 (fourteen) members of faculty, administration, alumni, community and legislative representatives along with Regents Agidius and Thilo as a 16 (sixteen) member UI presidential search committee in June 2008. The committee met several times over the past six months reviewing candidate resumes and offering feedback to the Regents on a job description for the position. The committee recommended to the Regents that Dr. Dooley and Dr. Nellis visit the campus personally, but gave no preferential ranking to any of the finalist candidates.

Once the on-campus interviews are completed, the committee's work is finished. The State Board of Education will then interview the finalists before making their final decision. Board President Milford Terrell has indicated he would like to have a new president named by the end of this current academic year.

All interested members of the public and media are invited to attend one of the meetings at any of the campus locations. Times and locations will be listed later this week on the University of Idaho website. You can find that information by visiting www.uidaho.edu.