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SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR TO LEAD SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Garrison Walters, Senior Vice Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, has been named Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Walters, who has served in various capacities – including Interim Chancellor – at the Board of Regents for more than two decades, will begin working with the Commission in July.

“Senior Vice Chancellor Walters has been an integral part of every success of the Ohio Board of Regents for the last 22 years,” said Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut. “He has performed an invaluable service to the State of Ohio and deserves our thanks and admiration. While we are disappointed that he will be leaving Ohio, we are thrilled that he has the professional opportunity to lead the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The people of South Carolina will soon learn what the people of Ohio already know – that Garry Walters is a strong and dynamic higher education leader.

“On a personal note, I want to thank Garry for his assistance in my transition and early months as Chancellor. He has been a supportive and stalwart partner, and I have relied extensively on his advice and guidance. I will miss him a great deal but am grateful for having had the chance to work with him these last few months.”

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education serves as the state’s coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina.

“It’s a great honor to be asked to take a leading role in a state higher education system, but it’s still been a difficult choice to leave Ohio and the tremendous momentum it now has,” said Walters, who has served on the South Carolina Centers of Economic Excellence On-Site Review Panel for the past five years and the last three as chairman. “I am awestruck at what Governor Strickland and Chancellor Fingerhut have achieved in just a few months. Higher education is at the top of Ohio’s agenda for the first time in its history and the state’s ability to compete in the global knowledge economy will be enormously enhanced as a result. It’s been a privilege to work at the Board of Regents, and I will miss the many good friends I’ve made in my years here.”

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