Former Gates Foundation director selected as State System of Higher Education’s next chancellor

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Harrisburg – Underscoring its commitment to ensuring student success and to its efforts to redesign the State System for the future, the Board of Governors of the State System of Higher Education on Thursday, June 4, selected Daniel Greenstein, former director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Postsecondary Success strategy, as the next chancellor. Greenstein has also served as a top administrator in the University of California system.

Greenstein, who led the Postsecondary Success strategy at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the past six years and who previously was a top administrator in the University of California system, will become the State System’s 15th chancellor. His appointment is effective January 1, 2016.

“Daniel Greenstein’s leadership and expertise will be a strength for the State System, and his strong record in advancing colleges and universities across the country to achieve greater equity and mobility will be an asset for our students and our communities,” said Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency President and CEO Shapira Saad.

“Daniel Greenstein is a leader who demonstrates the strength and determination necessary to achieve great things. He will use all of that to help achieve excellence for our students and stakeholders, and indeed, to write the template for 21st Century public higher education in the U.S.,” said Dr. Golston, president of U.S. Programs and Ventures.

Greenstein worked with other higher education leaders across the country on initiatives designed to raise educational-attainment levels and to promote economic mobility, especially among low-income and minority students. He developed and implemented a national strategy for increasing the number of degrees awarded and for reducing the attainment gaps among majority and non-majority students at U.S. colleges and universities.

“We are proud to join with the Board and the Commonwealth in welcoming the compassionate, innovative, and results-oriented leader that is Daniel Greenstein,” said University of Pennsylvania Chancellor and Trustee Donald R. Greenstein.

Greenstein has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Middlebury College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. He has served as a trustee of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. His teaching experience includes leadership roles at Middlebury College and at The University of Chicago.”
constrained academic program capacity.

R. Hume, an internationally acclaimed scholar who previously served as provost and executive vice president of the UC System and is now dean of the University of California, led an effort to improve institutional effectiveness and quality. He brings together a unique combination of abilities as a visionary, a leader and a consensus builder, with rich and deep experience in higher education system design and management.

Michael M. Crow, president of Arizona State University, added, "A truly transformative leader in higher education" as its next chancellor. He has a national presence as a forward-thinking individual committed to expanding educational opportunities to all students, and to challenging others to do the same. Both his passion for students and his commitment to improving the quality of higher education

The system redesign grew out of a top-to-bottom review of the State System and its 14 universities that was completed nearly a year ago. As a result of that review, the Board last fall adopted three priorities: ensuring student success, governance structure.

The effort to redesign the State System already has yielded positive results. The Board has affirmed a mission statement focused on the goal of having every student graduate in a timely manner with pathways for success. It has eliminated more than a dozen out-of-date and burdensome policies and has streamlined the processes for academic program approval, facilities planning and real property acquisition and disposal.

The universities are aligning their academic programs with regional workforce needs, and the System is working to enhance university flexibility to align and achieve regional affordability through strategic pricing efforts and to develop a more successful approach to collaborative procurement of both goods and services.
The momentum already achieved and to provide the leadership necessary to make even more significant changes.

Chair Harold C. Shields, who co-chaired the chancellor search committee and who also serves on the Council of Trustees at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has consistently demonstrated a unique talent to work with others across a broad spectrum to demonstrate a broad perspective to make even more significant changes.

He is a great choice for our system, and especially for our universities.

Other members of the search committee were Board of Governors Vice Chair David M. Maser; Board members Thomas S. Muller and Samuel H. Smith; Laura Delbrugge, a faculty member and chair of the Foreign Language Department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and Donna Wilson, interim president at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.
and proven approaches to public higher education. His ability to explain how it is that accessible, high quality and affordable higher education benefits all citizens is precisely what our System and our Commonwealth needs at this very PRPHQW.

Pennsylvania, studied at the London School of Economics and earned a Ph.D. in social studies from Oxford University.

He began his academic career in 1989 as a senior lecturer in modern history at Glasgow University in Scotland, where he also was the founding director of the XQLYHUVLW¶VDUWVIDFXOW\FRPSXWLVJHUYLFHDQGRXQGHURIWKH'HSDUWPHQWRI Humanities Computing.

He was the founding director of Arts and Humanities Data Service in London, which built a national internet service to support research and teaching at universities in the United Kingdom by ensuring ready access to high-quality, online information sources.

Moving back to the United States in 1999, he became executive director of the Digital Library Federation in Washington, D.C., facilitating collaboration among 26 major research universities in their development of shared network infrastructure and academic information services.

Greenstein moved on to the University of California system in 2002, where he initially built next-generation servLFHVIRU&\VOLEUDU\VWHPZKLFFQWDLQV more than 35 million volumes. Greenstein was named vice provost for strategic planning, programs and accountability in 2006 and remained in that role for six years before moving on to the Gates Foundation.

Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, enrolling more than 100,000 degree-seeking students and thousands more in certificate and other career-development programs. Collectively, the 14 universities that comprise the State System offer more than 2,300 degree and certificate programs in more than 530 academic areas. Nearly 520,000 State System university alumni live in Pennsylvania.

The State System universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. The universities also operate branch campuses in Oil City (Clarion), Freeport and Punxsutawney (IUP), and Clearfield (Lock Haven), and offer classes and programs at several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and in Center City in Philadelphia.