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LINK APPOINTED TO NEW VICE PRESIDENCY AT NDSCS

WAHPETON — Harvey Link, longtime instructor and dean at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, has been appointed vice president of institutional advancement and federal relations at NDSCS.

The appointment, effective today, was announced Thursday afternoon by Dr. Sharon Hart, NDSCS president, at the State of the College meeting.

Link has been dean of the Arts, Science and Business Division since 1989 and in January took on additional responsibilities as assistant to the president for governmental relations. The appointment restores NDSCS to a management model with three vice presidents. Link will continue to serve half-time as an academic dean through the 2004-05 academic year.

As a vice president, Link will be the campus executive coordinating the college's work with federal funding and grant agencies and its other grant applications. The Institutional Advancement Division also will include the Marketing and Communications Department.

"Last year, we at NDSCS launched a whole new initiative that identifies federal funding opportunities," Hart said. "Our success in working with federal agencies and the state's congressional delegation indicates that NDSCS needs a continued commitment to developing and maintaining relationships with these offices. Harvey Link has shown the leadership capabilities the college needs in advancement."

A native of Alexander, N.D., Link earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural education at North Dakota State University. He taught five years at Park River before joining the NDSCS faculty in 1978. He became Agriculture Department chairman in 1980 and served in that capacity until his appointment as dean nine years later.

Link served as national president of the Association for Career and Technical Education (formerly the American Vocational Association) in 1992-93. His functions included testifying

before Congress and offering input on the Perkins Act, a major funding source for traditional career and technical education. Link also was a key contributor to the NDSCS application that led to a \$450,000 Allied Health Distance Education Grant in 1998.

He and his wife, Gale, live in Wahpeton. They have three adult children.

Link's appointment continues a collection of shared responsibilities in the Arts, Science and Business Division office through this academic year. Ken Kompelien, ASB academic counselor, will continue serving as the interim associate dean and will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the division. He also retains his academic and career counseling duties. Valerie Erickson, administrative assistant during Link's entire tenure as dean, will serve as an interim academic advisor. Link will continue to handle all employee relations matters and executive decisions in the dean's office. The college will conduct a search for a new ASB dean who will take the position next summer.

NDSCS is a two-year, comprehensive, residential college in Wahpeton. The College of Science offers degrees, certificates and diplomas in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies and in the liberal arts. Approximately 97 percent of graduates from its career and technical programs find jobs in their respective fields.

Unlike most two-year colleges, NDSCS offers a university atmosphere for its students, complete with residence halls, 35 affiliated clubs and organizations, music groups, theater productions, intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics and numerous social activities.

NDSCS celebrated its Centennial during 2003. The college opened as the North Dakota Academy of Science in 1903.

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