**USU College of Engineering Development Director Sworn into Legislature | College of Engineering**

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**News Release – LOGAN, UTAH, Jan. 24, 2017** – The Utah State Legislature welcomed several new lawmakers to its ranks on Monday, including Val K. Potter, the executive director of development at Utah State University’s College of Engineering.

Potter was elected in November to Utah’s House District 3 which covers constituents in the northern part of Cache Valley and the northwest portion of Logan City. Originally from Tremonton, Utah, and a USU alumnus, Potter has an extensive background in public service.

*Development director Val K. Potter was sworn in as a State House Representative on Jan. 23.*

Most recently he served on the Cache County Council from 2011-2017; he was mayor of North Logan City from 2002-2006; he served on North Logan’s City Council from 1992-1996; and has served on the Republican State Central
Committee from 2006-2017. In addition, Potter has served on various local government committees including the Bear River Association of Governments, the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Cache Chamber of Commerce and the Logan-Cache Airport Authority Board.

Potter said, “I look forward to serving in the state legislature representing the people of Cache County. I’ve spent 14 years serving the citizens in this area as a city and county elected representative. I feel my experience in local government will be an asset to the county and the state as a member of the House of Representatives. There are many issues and opportunities facing the legislature this year, and I look forward to serving in the legislature.”

In his professional career, Potter works as an executive director of development for USU’s College of Engineering. In this role, Potter facilitates donations from alumni, community organizations and corporations. Development funding is a crucial aspect of higher education across the country. In Utah, less than half of every dollar necessary for USU’s engineering programs comes from state funding. Generous donations from individuals and companies ensure the long-term success of student scholarships, research facilities and faculty fellowships.

Potter will serve on three committees: Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; House Political Subdivisions Committee; and the House Transportation Committee.

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