



Dean College of Arts and Sciences South Dakota State University Brookings, South Dakota

The faculty, students, administration and staff of South Dakota State University invite nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The College seeks an energetic academic leader with strong strategic vision, outstanding academic credentials as well as significant successful administrative and budgetary experience. The University, which values the College of Arts and Sciences as its academic core, expects outstanding academic credentials, success in fostering diversity, and the ability to facilitate SDSU's intention to achieve even higher levels of scholarly excellence in teaching, research, service and engagement within the College.

During the 2011-12 academic year, the College is examining ways and means to implement their most effective structure and strategies for the future. With a need for expanded research and scholarship, continued commitment to excellent teaching and service, the College's important role as the academic core of SDSU is being strengthened.

The College of Arts and Sciences Dean, who reports to the Provost, serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the College, working with one assistant dean, sixteen department heads, 130 faculty and a \$13million annual budget. Departments include: Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC), Architecture, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Communications Studies and Theatre, English, Geography, History and Political Science, Journalism and Mass Communications, Military Science (Army ROTC), Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy and Religion, Physics, Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies, and Visual Arts.

From its roots as a land-grant university established in Brookings, South Dakota, in 1881, South Dakota State University today is a vibrant, complex Carnegie Research University-High Intensity institution. It is the state's largest, most comprehensive university with an enrollment of more than 12,000 students and competes in Division I athletics. Brookings is an attractive city in which to live with strong schools and growing business interests supportive of the University and its goals.

For the academic leader eager to shape the future of Arts and Sciences within today's modern land grant university, the position of Dean is an outstanding opportunity.

Expected Characteristics of the Dean

The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate and a distinguished record of academic performance consistent with appointment as a tenured full professor in a discipline appropriate to the College. As a proven academic and administrative leader of high integrity within a complex academic college or department, the new Dean will have the ability to stimulate scholarship and research, excellence in teaching, growth in diversity and service. He or she will bring a commitment to furthering the vital role of arts and sciences within the teaching, research and service mission of a Land-Grant university; a multi-faceted successful administrative experience including personnel, budget and organization management; and outstanding communication and collaboration skills. Successful experience with issues related to academic programmatic positioning in a tight budgetary environment would be valued.

Application Process

Interested parties are invited to view a more extensive Position Profile at: <http://www.academic-search.com/uploads/profiles/SDSUASDeanProfile.pdf> and to visit the University's web site at <http://www.sdstate.edu/>

Candidates should forward a letter of interest, their curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of at least five references (no references will be contacted until candidates explicitly provide permission) to: SDSUASDean@academic-search.com. For most complete consideration, applications should be received by October 15, 2011

All applicants will be treated confidentially; only the names of the three finalists will become public.

Prospective candidates may make inquiries of Dr. Elaine H. Hairston, Senior Consultant, Academic Search, Inc.:

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