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Vice President for Academic Affairs

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY, a unit of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced academic administrator to serve as **Vice President for Academic Affairs** and invites nominations and letters of application. The chief academic officer, the Vice President for Academic Affairs reports directly to the President. The Vice President advises the President on matters of educational policy and development of the University's teaching, research, and community service programs. Additionally, the Vice President defines the academic vision, provides leadership and direction for all aspects of the University's academic programs, and supervises related academic activities.

Quick Facts about Savannah State University

Established: 1890

Enrollment: 4,500, with 60 percent living on campus

Degrees: 23 undergraduate degree major;
5 graduate programs

Number of Faculty: 145

Student/Faculty Ratio: 19:1

Colleges and Schools:

- College of Business Administration
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- College of Sciences and Technology
- School of Teacher Education (Fall 2013)

Athletics: National Collegiate Athletic Association
(NCAA) Division I

The Opportunity

The Vice President for Academic Affairs oversees the academic mission for the University and is responsible for planning, institutional effectiveness, academic assessments, accountability, operation, direction, and supervision of all academic areas, programs, and personnel in the Division of Academic Affairs. Reporting to the VPAA are the Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs; the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; and the deans of the colleges of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business Administration, and Sciences and Technology, and the School of Teacher Education.

Other direct reports include the Director of QEP; Director of University College/Center for Academic Support; the Library; International Education; ACCESS Programs; and the Radio Station.

The Vice President oversees the educational policy and programs of instruction and all matters relating to the University's curriculum. The VPAA provides leadership and direction for all academic programs and supports teaching, scholarship, and creative activities.

Other responsibilities include:

- Initiating and reviewing curricular reforms

- Overseeing institutional accreditation and accreditation of academic programs
- Preparing and approving academic budgets
- Advising the President on personnel matters, such as hiring, promotion, and tenure

Additionally, the Vice President works collaboratively with direct reports to develop and recommend the annual academic budget, ensures fiscal responsibility for use of all funds allocated for educational programs, and collaborates with other senior administrators to create support systems for academic affairs.

The VPAA develops and supports continuing assessment and improvement of all academic initiatives; supports actively the goals of excellence in all areas of teaching, scholarship, and service; and monitors operations and functions supporting academic programs, including the library.

The VPAA supports professional development for faculty; promotes shared governance; serves on the academic affairs committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, and serves as the senior administrator in the absence of the President.

Mission Statement

Savannah State University, the oldest public historically black university in the State of Georgia, develops productive members of a global society through high-quality instruction, scholarship, research, service, and community involvement. The University fosters engaged learning and personal growth in a student-centered environment that celebrates the African American legacy while nurturing a diverse student body. Savannah State University offers graduate and undergraduate studies including nationally accredited programs in the liberal arts, the sciences, and the professions.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of this position include a variety of tasks that contribute to achieving university-wide goals of increasing visibility, enrollment, and resources. The outcomes of these essential functions also contribute to the University's primary areas of emphasis:

- Ensuring viable academic programs
- Developing new market driven programs
- Developing enrollment levels sufficient to support the University's mission
- Establishing a strong campus-wide culture of customer service
- Promoting a student-centered learning environment



- Encouraging excellence and innovation in teaching through the use of technology
- Promoting greater participation in the community
- Supporting external funding initiatives
- Reviewing promotion and tenure policies and procedures
- Recommending promotion tenure, post-tenure, and salary decisions to the President

Requirements

An earned doctorate from an accredited university in the candidate's academic field is required. Other requirements include:

- A minimum of five years in higher education administration
- Significant administrative experience at the level of dean or equivalent
- A proven record of teaching and scholarship sufficient to qualify for tenure at the rank



of full professor in one of the departments of the University

- Experience with online degree programs
- Proven success in preparing and implementing grant proposals
- Experience with international programs and curriculum development with a global focus

These qualifications are supplemented by the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, with attention to details, deadlines, and making decisions. Additionally, exceptional interpersonal skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and a demonstrated commitment to the principles of higher education are required.



About Savannah State University

Founded in 1890, Savannah State University holds the distinction as the oldest public historically black university in Georgia. While meeting the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population today, Savannah State serves the community and region with distinction. The University provides a comprehensive higher education experience that adds value to the academic, personal, social, and cultural growth of its students.

The University's mission and educational goals are realized

through comprehensive program offerings in the College of Business Administration, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and College of Sciences and Technology that lead to undergraduate and graduate degrees. The University will begin offering programs through its new School of Teacher Education in Fall 2013. Additional new programs being developed and offered by the University are in the high-need professional fields, such as the STEM disciplines (sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

The University aggressively seeks funds from federal sources, including NIH and NSF research and program development grants. In the last few years, the institution has received more than \$45 million for research and sponsored programs.

Savannah State's 4,500 students are provided a supportive yet challenging learning environment with opportunities to establish close student-faculty relationships and relevant social/professional



Applications & Nominations

Send nominations, inquiries, and letters of application (cover letter, curriculum vitae and references) to:

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networks. In addition to its academic support programs and extracurricular activities, the University has exhibits, performances, sport teams, concerts, and community volunteer service projects geared to improving relationships with neighborhoods in the greater Savannah area.

The University operates a radio station, a student newspaper, and a magazine that offer public affairs information as well as educational, cultural, and entertainment programs and news for members of the Savannah State community and neighboring communities.

College of Business Administration

The College of Business Administration offers the Bachelor of Business Administration and the Master of Business Administration degrees. The four-year professional program is predicated on the philosophy that the best education for business leaders is one that combines professional studies and studies in the liberal arts.

The College of Business Administration is accredited by the

AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences has five departments: Liberal Arts, Mass Communications, Political Science and Public Affairs, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Social Work.

Leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, or Bachelor of Social Work degree, the College offers majors in English, Mass Communications (with concentrations in Print Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising, Radio and Television), Behavior Analysis, History, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Sociology, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Political Science (with concentrations in Pre-Law, Public Administration, and International and Comparative Politics), Africana Studies, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Additionally, the College has three graduate programs: the Master of



Public Administration, the Master of Social Work, and the Master of Science in Urban Studies and Planning.

The programs in Social Work, Mass Communications, and Public Administration are professionally accredited.

College of Sciences and Technology

The College of Sciences and Technology includes the Department of Natural Sciences, the Department of Engineering Technology and Mathematics, the Department of Naval Science, and the Department of Military Science.

In collaboration with Georgia Tech, the College also has engineering degree programs under the Regents Engineering Transfer Program (RETP), and Dual-degree Program. Students can enroll in Associate of Science degree programs in Aquarium Science, Engineering Studies, General Technology, Health Science, and Pre-Physics. Articulation agreements have been established with other University

System of Georgia institutions that lead to a Bachelor of Science degree.

The College offers Bachelor of Science degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Sciences, Forensic Science, Marine Science, Mathematics, Civil Engineering Technology, Computer Science Technology, and Electronics Engineering Technology.

Both the Naval Reserve Officers Training Program and the Army Reserve Officers Training Program are available for students to earn a college degree and an officer's commission at the same time.

The College also offers a Master of Science in Marine Sciences degree, the only one of its kind in Southeast Georgia with direct access to estuarine, coastal, and open-ocean research environments.

School of Teacher Education

Savannah State's School of Teacher Education has been approved by the Board of Regents, with an anticipated start date of Fall 2013.

The Campus

The University is located on a beautiful 173-acre tract adjacent to a salt-marsh estuary. The campus is approximately five miles from the Historic District of Savannah, which is one of the largest registered urban National Historic Landmark districts in the United States, and 20 minutes from the beaches of Tybee Island.

Resplendent with moss-laden oak trees, expansive marsh, and historic architecture, Savannah State has been deemed the most picturesque campus in the state of Georgia. Yet, it is a vibrant, nurturing environment that celebrates its African-American heritage and legacy while embracing a diverse community of faculty and student scholars and learners.

About Savannah, Georgia

Savannah State University is located in Savannah, Georgia, a historic city with a revered past, a vibrant present, and an exciting future. With nearly 300,000 area residents, the city has maintained steady growth, with the economy based mainly on ports, manufacturing, tourism, and the military. The city offers a high quality of life and a family-friendly lifestyle.

About the University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents. The Board oversees the 35 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and The Georgia Public Library System. For more information, visit www.usg.edu.

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