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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2013

TO: Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, and Faculty

FROM: Mary Ann Rankin 
Senior Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: Search for the Director of the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center

A search committee has been appointed to identify an outstanding individual on campus to fill the position of Director of the new Teaching and Learning Transformation Center and who will hold the title of Associate Provost. The committee will be chaired by Patricia Steele, Dean of the Libraries. The complete list of committee members is given below. A brief job description outlining the expectations of qualified candidates is attached.

Reporting to the Provost, the Director of the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center (TLTC) will develop and then lead a new unit that integrates three areas: 1) support for teaching and learning; 2) learning technologies and facilities; and 3) learning assessment and analytics. The unit's mission is to support and improve student learning by following and developing pedagogies and technologies in a continuous process of improvement. The unit will provide service to faculty and units across the entire campus, and lead research and knowledge creation to support that service.

Please forward to Sandy Davis (sandyd@umd.edu) the names of individuals you believe would be excellent candidates. The candidate must have an earned doctorate, substantial teaching experience at a four-year institution of higher education, and hold the rank of Professor with tenure at the University of Maryland. We appreciate your assistance and support in this important effort.

Search Committee for the Associate Provost and Director of the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center

Chair: Patricia Steele, Dean, University Libraries
Mark Arnold, Director of Faculty Initiatives, Office of Faculty Affairs
John Burczek Dreier, Senior Research and Policy Analyst, Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment and Graduate Student in Measurement & Statistics, College of Education
To-Lam Nguyen, Undergraduate Student, Biological Sciences, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
Sheri Parks, Associate Dean for Research, Interdisciplinary Scholarship and Programming in the College of Arts and Humanities and Associate Professor, American Studies
Adam Porter, Professor, Computer Science, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
Alison Robinson, Assistant Vice President for Support and Enablement, Deputy CIO, Division of Information Technology
Stephen Roth, Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, Undergraduate Studies, Center for Teaching Excellence and Associate Professor, Associate Chair, and Graduate Director in Kinesiology
Charles Stangor, Professor and Chair, Psychology
Chuck Wilson, Assistant Vice President and Director of the Office of Extended Studies

Associate Provost, Professor and Director Teaching and Learning Transformation Center

Reporting to the Provost, the Associate Provost responsible for the Teaching and Learning Transformation Center (TLTC) at the University of Maryland will develop and then lead a new unit that integrates three areas: 1) support for teaching and learning; 2) learning technologies and facilities; and 3) learning assessment and analytics. The unit's mission is to support and improve student learning by following and developing pedagogies and technologies in a continuous process of improvement. The unit will provide service to faculty and units across the entire campus, and lead research and knowledge creation to support that service.

The Associate Provost will develop a strategy for building up the unit by integrating and reorganizing existing staff on campus and hiring new staff where needed. This will involve close collaboration and coordination with deans, the heads of academic units, and with faculty across campus. As a leader of learning innovation on campus, the successful candidate must participate in the national conversation on learning in higher education including the core integration of technology and innovation in course and program offerings. The Associate Provost will also play a leading role in the strategic deployment of classroom technology to support best practices in innovative teaching across campus.

The candidate must have an earned doctorate, substantial teaching experience at a four-year institution of higher education, and hold the rank of Professor with tenure at the University of Maryland. Significant administrative or supervisory experience is strongly preferred, as well as experience with

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated excellence in innovative teaching, including the use of technology;
- Knowledge of and ability to apply learning theories and outcomes-based assessment;
- Knowledge of technologies and policy and strategy issues relating to modern educational technologies, such as massive open on-line courses;
- Understanding of learning technologies with sufficient depth to evaluate and deploy them, including learning management systems, collaboration, mobile, cloud, video, and classroom technologies;
- Strong project-management skills and ability to develop and manage contracts with third parties for educational technologies and services and academic strategic partnerships;
- Proven experience developing grant proposals and leading partnerships;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Leadership skills appropriate for creating and guiding a large unit with connections to every part of campus.

Expressions of interest in the position should consist of (1) a letter specifically addressing the candidate's qualifications for the position, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least four persons who can be contacted by the search committee for references. Nominations are encouraged.

All materials should be sent electronically in pdf form to Sandy Davis at sandyd@umd.edu. The appointment will be made as soon as possible. For best consideration, all materials should be received by February 3, 2014. Confidential review of applications and nominations will continue until the position is filled. Please feel free to contact the chair of the search committee, Patricia Steele, [301-405-9128, pastele@umd.edu], or Associate Provost Betsy Beise, [301-405-6836, beise@umd.edu], to discuss the position.

The University of Maryland subscribes to a policy of equal employment opportunity and will not discriminate against any applicant because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, marital status, genetic information, political affiliation, and gender identity or expression. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.