This leadership profile is intended to provide information about California State University, Sacramento, and the position of Dean for Undergraduate Studies. It is designed to assist qualified individuals in assessing their interest in this position.
Opportunity and Summary of Position

California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State), is seeking a talented, energetic and experienced professional to join the campus community as its dean for undergraduate studies.

As California’s capital university, Sacramento State transforms lives by preparing students for leadership, service and success. Sacramento State is located on a beautiful 300-acre, tree-lined campus adjacent to the American River, about five miles east of the State Capitol. Established in 1947, it is the seventh-largest of the 23 campuses in the California State University system. With faculty, students and staff working at the confluence of knowledge, passion, innovation and real-world learning, Sacramento State offers a truly transformative educational experience to its over 30,000 students—an experience enriched at every turn by the arts, culture, altruism, diversity, natural campus beauty and a community committed to educational excellence. As a top regional four-year comprehensive public university offering programs in business, education, engineering, health, the humanities, public policy and science, Sacramento State is the place to “Redefine the Possible,” the University’s tagline. Sacramento State alumni—one out of every 20 area residents—make up the heart of the region’s workforce and some of its finest leaders who are driven to make a difference in their communities.

The Office of Undergraduate Studies is a key administrative unit within Academic Affairs and provides oversight of all undergraduate degree programs at the University and academic support services that enhance and strengthen the culture of excellence and innovation for Sac State’s undergraduate students. The office provides supervision of the University’s general education program and supervision of a number of programs and initiatives that advance the student success goals of the University.

The dean for undergraduate studies reports directly to the provost and is part of the provost’s academic leadership team. The responsibilities of the dean for undergraduate studies encompasses oversight for all of the programs, activities, centers and functions within Undergraduate Studies; review of undergraduate degree programs and course proposals; oversight of general education and graduation requirements; coordination with Student Affairs on graduation and student advising including approval of course substitution forms and exceptions to required units; and the review and approval of special majors. The dean is a liaison with the chancellor’s office on matters and reports related to undergraduate degree programs.

For information on how to apply or to submit nominations, please refer to the section, “Procedure for Candidacy” at the end of this document.
Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The dean for undergraduate studies will assume a key role for an institution dedicated to inclusive access and student success, ensuring that academic support initiatives are successfully meeting the essential needs for Sac State undergraduate students. He or she will serve as an expert resource on undergraduate academic initiatives, supporting a culture that values, honors and rewards effective teaching as the critical factor in student success. The dean will foster the development of programming that supports the continuing efforts of faculty and staff to become more informed, confident, creative and reflective practitioners of state-of-the-art teaching and learning.

The dean for undergraduate studies will be asked to provide leadership on the following inter-related areas, among others:

Provide leadership and establish a shared vision

Serving as the academic leader for Undergraduate Studies, the dean will establish a forward-thinking, collaborative and institution-wide vision for program development that is aligned with the priorities of the president and provost. As the leader for Undergraduate Studies, the dean will demonstrate a commitment to shared governance and a willingness to work on behalf of faculty, staff and students. The dean must be an innovative and visionary thinker in terms of program enrichment and development, with the ability to analyze and assess new programs and pedagogical methods in response to the needs assessment.

Establish strong relationships with campus partners

It will be essential for the new leader to work across departments and serve as a bridge between the Provost’s office and faculty, displaying an eagerness to partner with the Sac State’s eight colleges and serving as an ambassador for undergraduate studies to the faculty. Additionally, the dean will be an effective advocate for the undergraduate studies program and serve as spokesperson across multiple constituencies. The ability to both listen and to persuade will be critical to the dean’s success.

Bring a forward-thinking approach to program development

The new dean will bring integrity, innovation, optimism, energy, creativity, inclusiveness and a team-oriented philosophy to the undergraduate studies program. In support of the University’s highest aspirations for undergraduate academic programs, the dean for undergraduate studies will provide visionary leadership in program planning for the pedagogical development of faculty and university administrators. The dean will develop, coordinate and deliver a wide range of programming to enhance the faculty/staff teaching expertise and confidence, including workshops on a range of topics, one-on-one consulting, seminars and colloquia. It is expected that the dean will serve as a consultant to university administrators on research and best practices related to teaching and learning in higher education, inclusive student success, institutional and program assessment and physical spaces for learning.
Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The dean for undergraduate studies will possess the following professional qualifications and personal qualities:

**Minimum Qualifications**

**Education and Experience**
- Possession of an earned doctorate and eligibility for a tenured faculty appointment or retreat rights within one of the academic departments at the University.
- Four (4) years of administrative experience in a university, including experience as a department chair, or equivalent level;
- Successful teaching experience and record of research or scholarly activity in one or more of the academic disciplines of the University;
- Experience with assessment of program learning outcomes (e.g. in general education programs);
- Management or supervisory experience.

**Knowledge, Skills, Abilities**
- Ability to cultivate an environment of collaboration;
- Evidence of a broad knowledge and understanding of current undergraduate education and issues facing diverse populations of students at all levels of higher education;
- Demonstrated ability to be a strong advocate for undergraduate education;
- Demonstrated commitment to shared governance and ability to work with a faculty senate;
- Strong communications skills;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- Demonstrated commitment to projects aimed at increasing equity and nurturing a rich, vibrant campus community;
- Understanding of and willingness to support undergraduate student support programs.

**Possession of the Following Qualifications are Preferred and High Desirable**
- Commitment to student success;
- Experience with and a commitment to a Liberal Arts education;
- Experience with and commitment to K-16 outreach and collaboration;
- Experience with and commitment to interdisciplinary programs and scholarship;
- Ability to articulate a vision for the future of undergraduate education at a large urban comprehensive university.
California State University-Sacramento: An Overview

California State University, Sacramento, is located on a 300-acre campus adjacent to the American River, about five miles east of the State Capitol. Sacramento State, the preferred campus name, was established in 1947 and with over 30,000 students today is the seventh-largest of the 23 campuses in the California State University. Classrooms, labs, offices and other facilities are nestled in a 3,500-tree urban forest alongside the American River. In addition to the bustling university life, all that Sacramento has to offer is moments away. As a top regional four-year comprehensive public university offering programs in business, education, engineering, health, the humanities, public policy and science, Sacramento State is the place to “Redefine the Possible,” the University’s tagline.

There are eight colleges, as follows: Arts and Letters; Business Administration; Education; Engineering and Computer Science; Health and Human Services; Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies; and Continuing Education. In all, Sacramento State offers 58 undergraduate majors; 44 master’s degrees; 20 credential programs; a General Education Honors Program and honors programs in three majors – Biology, Business and Philosophy; one research doctorate (in public history, in partnership with the University of California); and two independent doctorates, the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and the Doctorate in Physical Therapy. A doctorate in Audiology will be launched in the coming year.

At the start of the fall 2016 semester, Sacramento State’s headcount enrollment was a record-breaking 30,531 students, with an enrollment of first-time freshmen of 3,700 and a transfer enrollment of 4,000. In regard to regional workforce development, Sacramento State prides itself on “keeping local talent local.” Roughly two-thirds of Sacramento State students come from the immediate six-county Sacramento region, while about one-fifth of all students come from the greater San Francisco Bay Area. And one in 22 area residents is a graduate of Sacramento State. In the 2016-17 academic year Sacramento State graduated approximately 6,848 graduates across all degree levels, bachelor, master and doctoral degrees (not inclusive of summer 2017 graduates).

The goals and aspirations of our graduates are realized, and even exceeded, through first-rate academic programs delivered by engaged, caring faculty members who challenge students and also nurture them. For example, our faculty and student successes include the following achievements:

- The Capital Fellows Programs of the Center for California Studies are consistently recognized among the top 10 internships in the nation.
- Sacramento State’s MBA program is ranked second among CSU campuses by U.S. News & World Report.
• The Construction Management Program is a national award-winning department and achieved 100 percent job placement for its graduates in 2011 and 2012.

• Top honors were earned three years in a row (2012-14) at the prestigious CSU Idea-to-Product (I2P) biotechnology competition.

• The School of Nursing graduates nearly 500 skilled nurses annually, most recently achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the nursing license examination.

• The Physical Therapy program has a 100 percent pass rate on the national exam and a 100 percent employment rate.

• The Department of Biological Sciences offers a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) degree program in collaboration with the UC Davis Stem Cell Program to prepare graduates for careers as stem-cell professionals. Students from across campus conduct faculty mentored research in a cutting-edge shared molecular biology facility, known as CIMERA (Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Biology Education, Research and Advancement).

• The Information Assurance and Security Education program was designated in 2007 as a National Center of Academic Excellence by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency.

• The Office of Water Programs is an international leader in training professionals in water and wastewater operations.

• All 21 Sacramento State intercollegiate teams play at the Div. I level, while football is Div. I-AA. Sixteen programs play in the Big Sky Conference with 61 conference championships overall. Sac State has seen national championships in softball, women’s golf and twice in women's volleyball.

The academic journey at Sacramento State is invigorating, challenging and fulfilling, and the focus is on learning. Faculty members are committed to teaching, providing excellence in education and real-world experience, as well as giving back to students and the community.

Thanks to the educational programs that emphasize practical applications in their fields, Sacramento State graduates are well prepared for success beyond the classroom.

Outside the classroom, the University is widely recognized for community engagement and service to the region. It has been selected several times for the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and was one of only 121 institutions in the nation to receive the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.
History

In 1947, a determined State Senator Earl Desmond of Sacramento fathered the legislation that established Sacramento State College. He persuaded the California State Senate’s Finance Committee to withhold funding for the University of California until he had a commitment for an accredited four-year college in Sacramento. Today, a residence hall on campus is named in Desmond’s honor, and over the years, 11 of his children and grandchildren have graduated from Sacramento State.

Sacramento State has humble beginnings. It occupied rented quarters at a local junior college for five years as Sacramento State College before establishing itself in 1953 on the banks of the historic American River. A Native American tribe, the Nisenan Maidu, had occupied a village called Kadema (for which the Department of Art’s building is named) on the site for thousands of years. The State of California paid $1,650 to $1,800 an acre for the White & Terry Tract and cleared its hops fields and peach orchard to make way for the campus. The fledgling Sacramento State College offered just 44 classes in 1947. In February 1953, Sacramento State left its temporary quarters at Sacramento Junior College (now Sacramento City College). President Guy West, the University’s first president (serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1965), led a parade of 150 decorated vehicles carrying students, faculty, staff, textbooks and furniture to the new campus. Somewhere along the parade route, Gov. Earl Warren abandoned his chauffeured limousine and climbed into West’s car.

What they found when they arrived at 6000 J St. were new campus buildings (what are now called Sacramento, Lassen and Douglass halls) outfitted with furniture built at San Quentin State Prison and a greenhouse near the American River levee. They also found 300 bare acres that would turn into “a sea of mud” during that winter’s rainstorms.

Sacramento State’s grounds crews installed sod and planted 3,000 saplings during fall 1953 and spring 1954, creating the heart of today’s magnificent urban forest. More than 3,500 trees shade the main campus, the University Arboretum and Alumni Grove. Today, the University boasts more than 400 species of trees. The most common are coast redwoods and Zelkova elms, with some 20 species of oak and pine scattered across 170 landscaped acres. In 2012 and 2013, the Arbor Day Foundation designated Sacramento State as a Tree Campus USA, making it just the sixth California University to be so honored.

Sacramento State College’s enrollment grew 47 percent following the end of the Korean War, with hundreds of former soldiers attending college on the GI Bill. The college officially became California State University, Sacramento, in 1972, by which time enrollment had reached 18,202.

Mission and Vision

In 2004, the University launched a bold initiative, Destination 2010, which had four basic tenets: develop excellent academic and student programs; create a welcoming campus; build a dynamic physical environment; and cultivate strong community support. Among its results were the creation of a General Education Honors Program, an Educational Leadership Doctorate,

In 2009, the campus opened the American River Courtyard, a 600-bed, suite-style residence hall that increased the number of students living on campus to 1,600. The WELL and the American River Courtyard were built with sustainability in mind and are certified LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council. In addition, the Eli and Edythe Broad Fieldhouse for Hornet athletics opened in 2008.

In 2007, Sacramento State purchased the former California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) building on Folsom Boulevard south of the main campus. It’s the home of the School of Nursing and the doctoral program in the Department of Physical Therapy. Plans are to relocate the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology to the building in the near future, transforming Folsom Hall into the College of Health and Human Services’ Center for Health Profession, Policy and Planning Professionals. These programs, together with others, will serve as a central location for the clinical services offered to the public by the University.

The University’s 2012 initiative, *Redefine the Possible*, is dedicated to transforming Sacramento State into a university for the 21st century, with an emphasis on progress, innovation and the marshaling of intellectual resources. Guiding those efforts has been the development of two foundational documents: the adoption of a new university Strategic Plan in 2014 and the adoption of a new Campus Master Plan, which will serve as a blueprint for campus growth over the next 20 years.

The new Strategic Plan created a framework to take Sacramento State to the next level as the region’s higher education anchor institution with these six major goals:

- Enhance student learning and success.
- Foster innovative teaching, scholarship and research.
- Commit to engaging the community by building enduring partnerships that strengthen and enrich the region.
- Excel as a place to learn, work, live and visit.
- Engage students in a comprehensive university experience.
- Promote a strong university identity.
The CSU Board of Trustees approved the construction of Science II, a state-of-the-art education building with cutting-edge teaching labs for the Biology and Chemistry departments; furthermore, the Campus Master Plan includes a new residence hall with views of the American River. The Campus Master Plan also includes proposals for an event center; a parking garage and an expansion of the Student Union which is currently underway.

**Inside Sacramento State**

Sacramento State is made up of seven state-supported academic colleges, the University Library, the College of Continuing Education and many centers and institutes that focus on problems of regional, national and international interest.

- **College of Arts and Letters**
- **College of Business Administration**
- **College of Education**
- **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
- **College of Health and Human Services**
- **College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**
- **College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies**
- **College of Continuing Education**
- **University Library**
- **Center for California Studies**

**Overview of Other Centers.** Sacramento State has more than 30 other centers and institutes, including the Center for Collaborative Policy (building the capacity of agencies to use collaborative strategies to improve public policy outcomes), the Office of Water Programs (providing training for water systems operators as well as research in water quality), the Center for Small Business (which provides consulting on most aspects of business), the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (whose mission is to improve the quality of math and science teaching and learning in the schools of the Sacramento region), and the Center for Interdisciplinary Molecular Biology (providing a state-of-the-art facility for molecular biology and genetics research at Sacramento State).

**Student Life at Sacramento State**

With approximately 30,531 students, Sacramento State is one of the most diverse universities in the country. The campus is classified as both an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Serving Institution (AANAPISI) as well as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). The vast majority of undergraduate students are traditional ages (18-24). More than 1,400 veterans and dependents are enrolled, adding to the diversity of the campus.

Currently, approximately 1,700 students live on-campus with plans to expand to 2,100 by fall 2017. An additional 400 students live in the Upper Eastside Lofts, the University’s off-campus affiliate housing community. In fact, more than 10,000 students live within five miles of the University. With so many students living on or in close proximity to the campus, Sacramento State provides an active campus life for students. A few highlights include:

- Nearly 300 active student clubs and organizations.
- A thriving recreation sports program with more than 3,000 students participating each year.
• A family of educational equity and academic support programs serving the University’s large population of students traditionally categorized as underrepresented.

• About 40 performances and events put on each year by UNIQUE, an organization of student volunteers promoting events on-campus since 1978.

• More than 23,000 students regularly utilizing The WELL, the campus’s health, recreation and fitness center.

Sacramento State competes in NCAA Division I with 20 intercollegiate athletic teams and about 450 student-athletes. Most teams compete in the Big Sky Conference, including football, basketball (men and women), women’s volleyball, and track and field. Student-athletes at Sacramento State academically outperform the rest of the student body, regularly achieving a higher average GPA and increased retention and graduation rates.

Facilities

Sacramento State, the only four-year comprehensive university in California’s capital city, is in the heart of Northern California, one of the most beautiful, diverse and rapidly growing areas in the country. The campus is situated along the American River Parkway. With nearly 3 million square feet of building space, the University has embarked on an ambitious master plan (http://www.csus.edu/masterplan/), with numerous construction projects planned over the next 15-20 years.

Recently completed/renovated buildings and facilities on the Sacramento State campus include:

• The WELL: A recreation and wellness facility that houses the student health clinic and fitness center under one roof. Built in 2010, it has 150,845 square feet of space and is LEED Gold certified.

• The Bookstore: Centrally located on campus, the 93,170-square-foot Bookstore houses both retail and administrative space. It was built in 2007.

• The American River Courtyard: The newest residence hall on campus. Based on suite-style living, it has raised the total number of students living on campus to approximately 1,700.

• Folsom Hall: Located off-campus on Folsom Boulevard, it houses the University Transportation and Parking Services department as well as the School of Nursing and the Department of Physical Therapy. Renovations to Folsom Hall have allowed for the development of state-of-the-art lab spaces for the academic units housed in the building.

• Science II: The CSU Board of Trustees approved $91 million for a state-of-the-art education building with cutting-edge teaching labs for the Biology and Chemistry departments.
Alumni and Community Engagement

The Sacramento State Alumni Association recently celebrated its 60th anniversary, which gave the association time to reflect not only on its past, but also the vast opportunities for the future. The campus has changed dramatically, and our body of alumni is more than 220,000 strong. The opportunities for alumni involvement are endless: One in 22 Sacramento residents is a Sacramento State alumnus/a. Governed by a 25 member Board of Directors, the Alumni Association offers its members various opportunities to volunteer and participate in social and fundraising activities. The Distinguished Alumni Awards, established in 1972, are among its most prominent programs recognizing alumni and faculty for their professional achievements and community service. (Read more about the Alumni Association: http://www.csus.edu/alum/aboutus/index.)

Sacramento State alumni represent the leadership and pride that come from a Sacramento State education. All around the region, Sacramento State graduates are protecting our safety, teaching our children and leading our communities. They’re nurses, engineers and artists, judges and other criminal justice leaders, journalists and entrepreneurs, all with a common Hornet heritage.

Sacramento State counts among its prominent community alumni leaders: Cheryl Dell, retired president and publisher of The Sacramento Bee; Garry Maisel, president and CEO of Western Health Advantage; Dale Carlsen, CEO, Sleep Train Mattress Centers; Kit Miyamoto, CEO of Miyamoto International, an internationally recognized expert in earthquake damage and mitigation; Cristina Mendonsa, News 10 anchor; Kitty O’Neal, KFBK news anchor; Jan Scully, Sacramento County district attorney; and Mark Otero, CEO and co-founder of KlickNation.

Prominent and well-known alumni include Lester Holt of NBC News; Sundance Film Festival award-winning film director and screenwriter Ryan Coogler; former television anchors Giselle Fernandez, Joan Lunden and Rene Syler; film director and screenwriter Joe Carnahan; singer and conductor Bobby McFerrin; trombone player Steve Turre, a longtime member of the Saturday Night Live Band; actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks; and world-renowned painter Wayne Thiebaud. Thiebaud earned his undergraduate (1951) and master’s (1953) degrees in art at Sacramento State. The University later awarded him an honorary doctorate in fine arts.

Situated on the southern end of the Sacramento State campus, the Leslie and Anita Harper Alumni Center is owned and operated by the Alumni Association, a unique nonprofit corporation that offers use of the facility to the public. The Harper Alumni Center is host to numerous conferences, special events, private parties and weddings. Its collegiate setting, Tuscan colonnades, lavish windows, lighting and sound system make it a venue unique in ambiance and suited for every occasion, large or small.

More recently, the award-winning Made at Sac State campaign, launched in 2012, celebrates the University’s impact and success through the inspirational stories of its graduates. (Read more at the Made at Sac State website: www.csus.edu/made.)

Sac State Magazine is published by the Division of University Advancement and is the University’s publication for alumni and friends. It is a key platform for the University to connect its programs and achievements with globally relevant themes. (Read more about Sac State Magazine at http://www.csus.edu/sacstatemagazine/.)
The Sacramento State Leader is a weekly e-newsletter that promotes student and faculty achievement, and also highlights news and events at Sacramento State. Produced by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy, the Sacramento State Leader is distributed every Tuesday to faculty and staff, as well as regional business, community and opinion leaders. For more information, please see this link: http://www.csus.edu/paa/publications.html

**Private Support**

At Sacramento State, philanthropic support includes gifts (both cash and in-kind), pledges, grants from private foundations and testamentary commitments through estate plans. Over 6,700 alumni, business and community supporters and other friends of Sacramento State demonstrated their support for the University over the past year. In 2015-16, University Advancement raised $18.3 million – the highest ever in the University’s philanthropic production and they are projected to raise more than $24 million this year. The University’s recent signature black-tie fundraising event, the Green and Gold Gala, raised more than $373,000 for the Green and Gold Scholarship and Student Emergency Grant Funds. Overall, gifts from alumni and friends provide lifetimes of opportunity for our students, engagement with our community and inspiration for the future.

For more than 25 years, The University Foundation at Sacramento State has served as the University’s primary philanthropic auxiliary, actively supporting the University’s mission of teaching, learning and service by acquiring and managing financial and other resources for the University. It is a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization and a recognized auxiliary of Sacramento State. (Read more about The University Foundation at Sacramento State: http://www.csus.edu/universityfoundation/.)

_Torchlight_ is the Division of University Advancement’s biannual publication that celebrates the impact of philanthropy, highlights opportunities for alumni and friends to connect with the University and provides updates about student and campus successes. (Read more about the impact of philanthropy: http://www.csus.edu/giving/impact-of-your-gift/torchlight/.)

University Enterprises Inc. is the University’s commercial services auxiliary and the largest of five auxiliaries serving the campus. Annual revenues of $68 million for 2014 were received from administering food services, grants and contracts, the bookstore, property services and other university support programs. The President or his designee chairs the 15-member board of directors.

**President Robert S. Nelsen**

Dr. Robert S. Nelsen, Sacramento State’s eighth permanent president, comes to Sacramento with his wife, Jody Hawkins Nelsen. Nelsen’s experience in public higher education spans nearly three decades, most of it spent in the University of Texas system. He was president of UT-Pan American from 2010 to 2014 and most recently served as special advisor to UT’s executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Nelsen was born Jan. 21, 1952, in Brigham City, Utah, and grew up on a ranch in Montana. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Brigham Young University, and his doctorate from the University of Chicago’s Committee on Social Thought, where his fields of study were modern literature, modern philosophy and modern
political theory.

In 1989-90, Nelsen taught English at the University of Illinois at Chicago before joining the faculty of the University of Texas-Dallas, where he founded the creative writing program and served as its director. During his 18 years at UT-Dallas, he also was a professor of Literary and Aesthetic Studies, and served as vice provost.

In 2008-09, Nelsen was a professor of English and associate vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. In 2010, he returned to the University of Texas system as the president of UT-Pan American in Edinburg. Among his proudest achievements was leading the effort to merge the University with the University of Texas-Brownsville to create the new University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, which has a medical school.

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**Provost Ching-Hua Wang**

Ching-Hua Wang received her medical degree from Beijing Medical College, an MS in Immunology from Beijing University, and a PhD in Immunology from Cornell University. In February 2017, she was appointed as the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at California State University, Sacramento. From 2012 to January 2017, she served as dean of School of Health and Natural Sciences at Dominican University of California. She led institutional change and managed the largest personnel, budget, and facilities on campus. She was instrumental in leading the efforts in developing and implementing eight new academic programs, including the MS in Physician Assistant Studies and the Internationally Educated Nurses programs as well as establishing ties with international educational institutions. She led the health science building renovation project after successfully raising $8.5M from a private donor to support the project.
She also led strategic planning and accreditation efforts for the school. She worked on the risk management team and with the board of trustees.

From 2009 to 2012, she served as special assistant to the provost at California State University (CSU) Channel Islands. She managed the budget planning process for Academic Affairs and the University, established community partnerships, facilitated the University strategic initiatives, secured and managed institutional grants, raised funds from private sources, corporations, and federal agencies, led campus emergency management, and developed international relations. She was the Director of two professional science master’s programs from 2005 to 2012. From 2001-2009, she was appointed as chair of multiple science/health science programs. In 2001, she became one of 13 founding faculty members and one of six tenured professors to start CSU Channel Islands. She worked closely with colleagues in starting, advancing and growing the University. In addition to teaching and research, she played important leadership roles in strategic planning, university/academic program planning, budget planning, program assessment, and accreditation, recruitment and evaluation of senior administrators, cohorts of faculty, staff, and students, development of university policies and procedures, enrollment management, science building project and community engagement. She led the development and implementation of eight science and health science programs. From 1990 to 2001, she was a tenure-track assistant professor and later a tenured associate professor and professor at CSU, San Bernardino.

Dr. Wang has led collective efforts in development and implementation of a total of 16 new academic programs and effectively managed human, fiscal and physical resources for a total of 21 academic programs from 2001 to 2017. She has been tenured at CSU San Bernardino, CSU Channel Islands, and Dominican University of California. She is an author of over 50 peer-reviewed publications and has obtained over $11.3M funds from private sources and corporations and $15M in grants. She served on national and regional boards and has received many awards from the CSU System and regional and national organizations.

Life in the Sacramento Region

Sacramento State’s sustainability program is comprehensive, encompassing initiatives focused not only on campus operations, but also on academics. Long-standing programs are in place for recycling, energy conservation, water and waste management, purchasing and transportation and planning for new construction and building renewal. Environmental health and campus safety, including food production safety, also focus on sustainable practices.

In 2016, Sacramento State was named the most sustainable CSU campus and the no. 3 overall among master’s institutions by the 2016 Sustainable Campus Index. Sacramento State is the only California school recognized as a top performer by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). The University was singled out for the ongoing
maintenance and operations of existing campus buildings – many at Sac State date to the 1950s – and the design and construction of new buildings (including the LEED-certified American River Courtyard and The WELL).

Sacramento State’s mission and values support leadership with an emphasis on education for an informed and engaged citizenry, partnerships with the community to solve problems and enhance the quality of life in the region and educational activities and strategies focused on economic development and social organization. Creating a culture of sustainability at Sacramento State demands the involvement of students, faculty and staff alike; we purposefully integrate sustainability in all aspects of campus activities. Sacramento State has a significant impact on the surrounding community; therefore it must be a strong sustainability advocate.

- In 2010, Sacramento State was honored as the Sacramento Sustainable Business of the Year by the Business Environmental Resource Center.

- Sacramento State was awarded $8.6 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as part of the Smart Grid project. The Smart Grid improves campus energy management through the upgrade of systems in over 45 buildings. The project included installation of a new HVAC control system, electronic metering, switches to reroute power during outages and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle charging stations.

- Sacramento State received a $2.84 million grant, funded by California Proposition 84, to design, construct and monitor low-impact development strategies that reduce the impact of stormwater runoff into the American River.

- Campus water-saving measures include the installation of new water fixtures in restrooms and the adoption of sustainable landscaping practices.

- Sacramento State boasts two buildings on campus (The WELL and the American River Courtyard) that are LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certified.

- Committed to alternative energy, Sacramento State has installed 2,000 solar panels on two different campus buildings.

- Committed to sustainable transportation practices, Sacramento State has completed a network of bicycle paths marked in bright green paint for bicycle commuters. The clearly marked bike paths encourage the use of alternative transportation.

- The Hornet Shuttle Bus fleet is fueled exclusively with biogas from food waste.

- The Sustainable Technology Outdoor/Optimization Research Center (STORC) is an example of Sacramento State’s commitment in furthering sustainability research and education. STORC research projects promote up-cycling for the reuse of discarded materials to reduce the amount of waste sent off campus for disposal, and integration of academic research with operational improvements at the University.
Procedure for Candidacy

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should provide a CV, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the leadership profile and the names and contact information of five references. Candidate confidentiality will be respected and references will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. Inquiries and application materials should be sent via email to the search consultants, Zachary A. Smith, Ph.D., Amy Crutchfield and Patricia Coleman of Witt/Kieffer, at SacStateDeanUS@wittkieffer.com. Questions may also be directed to the consultants through the office of Laura Novak at 630-575-6943.

Documents that must be mailed may be sent to:

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