

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

### PORTFOLIO: TEACHING, LEARNING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT SUPPORT

#### POSITION: DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DEAN: COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES (P3) (5-YEAR FIXED-TERM CONTRACT)

(REF: DED:CHS/VP:TLE&SS/AM/2020)

UNISA is publicly funded Higher Education Institution in South Africa dedicated to distance education. In keeping with its mandate as a Comprehensive, Open and Distance Learning (CODeL +) Institution offering a variety of academic and career-focused programmes, Unisa is inviting applications for the position of **Deputy Executive Dean: College of Human Sciences**.

#### **Purpose for this position.**

The purpose of the position is to provide input to the College strategy and work closely with the Executive Dean to develop and oversee the implementation of College plans. Work closely with the Executive Dean to achieve the set performance targets of the College.

#### **Key duties/responsibilities**

##### **Strategic Direction, Planning and Alignment**

- Provide strategic advice on own area of responsibility to the Executive Dean and the UNISA Management as well as other areas as requested, through relevant consultation, conceptualisation, formulation and tabling of proposals and recommendations for decision-making.
- Support College plans and implement strategies ensuring alignment with university objectives in the primary focus areas of:
  - Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies
  - Teaching, Learning and Student Support
  - Community Engagement
- Developing strategies for implementing plans ensuring alignment to the university objectives.
- Develop and constantly monitor strategic direction of own area of responsibility ensuring portfolio and college goals are achieved
- Provide innovative and fresh input to the area of responsibility to support the implementation of objectives
- Develop college plans with substance to support the achievement of own area strategies.
- On approval of college plans by relevant structures, manage the implementation in accordance with policies and procedures and provide feedback
- Assist the Executive Dean to oversee implementation in accordance with policies and procedures and provide feedback.
- Assist the Executive Dean to oversee implementation of academic plans in the College.

##### **People Management**

- Leading, mentoring and empowering employees and change within the College to promote high performance, optimal working environment and cost-effective operations
- Guiding and influencing strategic leadership in embedding the values and desired

culture of the Institution in line with the Transformation Charter and ODeL 2016-2030 Strategy

- Embedding sustainability through a green Institution-wide culture
- Driving a high-performance culture by taking accountability for an effective and well-articulated performance management process
- Monitoring the resourcing of the department through recruitment and filling of positions
- Ensuring and monitoring that all staff in the department are trained, skilled, retained and that their expertise is optimally applied
- Fostering an organisational culture and climate that is ethics and value driven
- Providing strategic guidance in the implementation of the human resources policies, procedures and practices
- Builds a robust, effective leadership pipeline, succession and capacity

### **Oversee the implementation of the Annual Performance Plan**

- Review infrastructural facilities to create and maintain an enabling environment
- Review academic processes to ensure student centredness
- Develop an integrated strategy for corporate social responsibility in respect of economic, social and environmental areas in line with King III and UNGC principles
- Regularly review and enhance organisational architecture in line with institutional strategy and the Open Distance e-Learning (ODeL) model that charts synergies between technology, human capacities, processes, infrastructure and organisational culture
- Promote technological capabilities alignment with the ODeL business model
- Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all institutional processes and systems through a “learning organisation’ paradigm
- Assist the Executive Dean to:
  - Simplify, streamline and optimise the college Programmes Qualification Mix (PQM)
  - Regularly review/develop relevant curricula to promote innovation, and invigorate ‘graduateness’
  - Implement and maintain the integrated student support model
  - Review assessment processes for greater balance between formative, summative and alternative assessment
  - Implement the ODeL model
  - Increase innovative research, research capacity and postgraduate supervision capacity
  - Inculcate Multidisciplinary, Interdisciplinary and Trans disciplinary (MIT) research, epistemologies, methods and programmes
  - Cultivate an ODeL research culture
  - Sustain a supportive, enabling research environment
  - Redefine the scope and extent of community engagement in the context of ODeL
  - Leverage strategic partnership to increase capacity in support of the Academic Plan
  - Build an enabling environment for community engagement
  - Create an enabling environment for persons with disabilities
  - Elevate interests and concerns of persons with disabilities in policy formulation, planning and management practices
  - Assist the Executive Dean to initiate and develop integrated communication and marketing activities to position the college as a leading comprehensive ODeL college by means of the Communication and Marketing Strategy.

### **Develop and manage Technology, Processes and Systems in line with UNISA’s organisational Architecture**

- Participate in finalising and aligning the college Organisational Architecture (OA) with

the approved ODeL model

- Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all institutional processes and systems
- through a “learning organisation” paradigm
- Ensure sound resource management in the College
- Enhance the use of technology in the College

### **Forecasting, Budgeting and Financial Management**

- Formulating strategy forecast costs, which are factored into the Portfolio budgeting processes
- Assist in preparing the College budget for Institutional approval (including funding budgets and Initiative budgets)
- Assist in directing and overseeing the funding of College operations and budgeted activities
- Overseeing and monitoring College expenditure within budgeted parameters and reporting on variances periodically
- Providing direction to the College regarding the compilation and management of the budget for the College
- Embedding financial sustainability through a green Institution-wide culture

### **Governance and Reporting**

- Monitoring and reporting on progress against Department strategic initiatives
- Monitoring and reporting on legislative and statutory compliance as defined by government and relevant professional bodies
- Promoting sound institutional governance principles through effective planning, maintenance of operations and service standards, management of compliance and risk and participating in Institutional governance structures
- Managing the strategic relationships and networks with internal and external stakeholders
- Compiling reports on the Department’s performance at the required intervals reflecting all relevant statistics

### **Qualification**

- Relevant Doctoral Degree within a related discipline in the College

### **Experience**

- Minimum 10 years relevant experience in Higher Education
- Minimum 5 years relevant management experience, at least Chair of Department (CoD) level

**Assumption of duty : As soon as possible**

**Salary : Remuneration is commensurate with the seniority of the of the position**

**Closing Date : 27 October 2023**

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**Candidates can send CV’s to [DEDCHS@talenting.co.za](mailto:DEDCHS@talenting.co.za)**

- Interested candidates should send a detailed cover letter indicating their suitability for the position. The completed prescribed application must be accompanied by a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, and certified copies (**within the previous six months**) of the following documents:

- All educational qualifications;
  - Academic transcripts/records
  - Identity document; and
  - Proof of SAQA verification of foreign qualifications, where relevant.
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- The detailed advertisement together with the prescribed application form can be found on the UNISA website (<http://www.unisa.ac.za/vacancies>).
  - The contact details of three contactable references must be provided, **one which must be from your present employer**. Should you not be currently employed a contactable reference from your previous employer must be provided.
  - Short-listed candidates will be required to prepare a presentation on the interview date.
  - UNISA is not obliged to fill an advertised position.
  - Late, incomplete, and incorrect applications will not be considered.
  - Recommended candidates might be subjected to competency assessment.

We welcome applications from Persons with Disabilities



***Appointments will be made in accordance with UNISA's Employment Equity Plan and other applicable legislation.***