



## **Search Update: Newly Designed...**

### **VP for Student Engagement and Senior Student Experience Officer**

#### **Q&As**

Given this position has been shaped in new ways, below we have provided a list of potential questions and answers that may be helpful. Dr. Tiffany Franks and the Search Committee greatly value your input into the attributes most desired in this position. Please fill out the short survey link that was sent Monday, April 5.

#### **Who will report to this position?**

The Vice President for Student Engagement and Senior Student Experience Officer will oversee a portfolio that includes: Counseling Services; Center for Community Engagement and Career Competitiveness; Health, Wellness and Recreation; Residential Education & Housing; Spiritual Life; Student Engagement, Leadership & First-Year Experience; Multicultural Student Services; Student Judicial Affairs, and Student Success.

#### **To whom does this position report?**

The position reports directly to the President and serves as a member of the president's council.

#### **When will this position start?**

We are hopeful by mid-summer or earlier if possible. The position is open until filled, but applications received by April 12 will be given full consideration. The timeline for the search projects the potential of hosting finalists for the position as early as the week of April 28. All faculty and staff will have an opportunity to meet each of the finalists and provide feedback directly to President Franks.

**How will this position impact our students and how will it benefit Averett?**

The Vice President for Student Engagement and Senior Student Experience Officer leads a team that provides high-touch services in support of holistic student success, persistence, and completion. Together they lead the development of support resources and co-curricular engagement opportunities that enable all students to have a sense of belonging and inclusion within the Averett community.

The successful candidate will be deeply engaged in all aspects of organizational planning toward advancing the mission and strategies of the University. These aspects include meeting the needs of all students and fostering an inclusive learning environment where every student has the opportunity to flourish.

**Where will their office be located?**

We anticipate a location such as the Student Center that is centrally located to students as well as the teams in which this person serves alongside.

**How is this position different then the previously held Dean of Students position?**

In addition to the management of student affairs, holistic student development and high touch student services, the newly designed position will have a broader role, with an institution-wide focus – aligned and partnered with academic affairs focusing on student learning outside the classroom. For this reason, Student Success and the Center for Community Engagement and Career Competitiveness will be integrated into this person's portfolio of responsibilities. Also, this person will be responsible for the total student experience for all traditional and online students.

**Is there an org chart?**

The areas reporting to this position have been summarized above. Assessment of best organizational structure for the division will follow once the new VP for Student Engagement and Senior Student Experience Officer begins and has had the opportunity to assess and establish a structure that will best support our staff and achieve our top priority – our students and their success.