## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

## Dean – College of Fine and Applied Arts Appalachian State University Beginning July 1, 2009

Appalachian State University seeks a visionary administrator who is capable of promoting faculty excellence in teaching, research/creative activity and service, with demonstrated success in fundraising. The successful candidate will encourage programmatic excellence and innovation, cross-disciplinary collaborations, and collegiality across diverse disciplines. The new dean should provide leadership and commitment to diversity, equity, and transparency within the university community. See <a href="http://facultyhandbook.appstate.edu/section">http://facultyhandbook.appstate.edu/section</a> 6.5.1 for further detail of administrative responsibilities.

Qualifications: Candidates must have earned a terminal degree; have a substantial record of teaching, research and service; possess significant administrative experience; and have attained the rank of professor in an academic department. Candidates must also be eligible to hold a tenured appointment in one of the academic departments in the college.

The University: Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Appalachian State University has approximately 14,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students and is a member institution of the sixteen-campus University of North Carolina System. As a liberal arts and research institution, Appalachian State University is consistently highly ranked in national publications such as U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, and Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine. For the university's strategic plan see:

http://irap.appstate.edu/index.php?module=pagesmith&uop=view\_page&id=76

The College: The College has more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate majors, 120 faculty and staff, and 10,000 alumni. The diversity of the College brings together a variety of perspectives from the Departments of Art, Communication, Family and Consumer Science, Health, Leisure and Exercise Science, Military Science and Leadership, Nursing, Technology and Theatre and Dance. With the recent creation of the new College of Health Sciences and Allied Professions, the Departments of Nursing, Health, Leisure and Exercise Science, and the foods and nutrition programs in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will move to the new College. The remaining programs in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will move to the College of Education. For specific information on the College departments and programs, see: <a href="http://faa.appstate.edu/">http://faa.appstate.edu/</a>.

Search Information: Appalachian State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The university has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity and inclusion, and to the maintenance of working and learning environments that are free from all forms of discrimination. Individuals with disabilities may request accommodation in the application process by contacting Ms. Marianne Adams, Chair of the F&AA Search Committee, at <a href="mailto:adamsm@appstate.edu">adamsm@appstate.edu</a> or 828-262-3028. The applicant's identity and employability must be documented before the hiring process can be finalized.

**Application:** Only hardcopy applications will be accepted and must include a letter of application of no more than three pages expressing the candidate's experience, qualifications and administrative

philosophy, a current vita, and the names and contact information of five references. Initial screening of completed applications will begin January 7, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled.

Mail applications to: Ms. Marianne Adams
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