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Dean, College of Health Sciences (2017 – Present)

As the chief academic officer and administrative leader of the College of Health Sciences, the Dean provides academic vision and leadership for the College and serves as a key member of the University leadership team. The College’s Department Chairs, Program Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans, and College staff report directly to the Dean. Representing the College within the University and among a wide range of external constituencies, the Dean promotes UTEP’s highly acclaimed Access and Excellence mission, strengthens collaborations with community partners, and fosters excellence in education and research.

The Dean’s mandate includes several key priorities:

- Provide strategic vision, leadership, innovation, and direction in planning, developing, implementing, and assessing all academic, student, faculty, staff, and organizational affairs of the College
- Lead the University’s Student Health & Wellness Clinic serving over 25,000 students on campus
- Inspire faculty, students and staff toward achievement of the mission, goals, and objectives of the College and the University
- Foster a culture of pluralism, enabling a campus climate that values diversity and difference, upholding the dignity of individuals regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or ability
- Foster student success, with attention to low-income, first-generation, and traditionally underrepresented populations
- Lead the recruitment, retention, and development of an exceptional cadre of leadership and faculty positions within the College
• Lead the development of interprofessional and interdisciplinary research collaborations within College and across the University
• Oversee the establishment and effectiveness of all educational local, national, and international affiliations, including implementation of agreements with affiliated healthcare facilities, hospitals, clinics and other health-related organizations
• Ensure accreditation standards are met
• Foster community and global engagement efforts
• Cultivate relationships with alumni and industry partners