DEAN COLLEGE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

Nominations and applications are invited for the position of Dean of the College of Extended Learning at San Francisco State University.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE. The College of Extended Learning (CEL) meets the educational needs of individuals and organizations, both locally and globally, by extending the resources of San Francisco State University. It currently employs 62 full-time staff as well as hundreds of extension education faculty. It oversees a variety of self-support programs, including professional and personal development classes, Open University, special academic sessions, and international professional trainings. The American Language Institute is a self-support program within CEL that provides intensive English language courses for international students to prepare for college-level study. The American Language Institute is one of the oldest and most respected intensive English programs in the United States. The ALI has prepared international students to study in American universities for over 50 years.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY. SF State is a large comprehensive urban university located in an unusually vibrant and beautiful city with a rich intellectual and cultural life. The University has distinguished itself as an active center of academic scholarship, creative innovation, and civic involvement. Through its six academic Colleges, SF State offers undergraduate and graduate instruction for professional and technical careers as well as a broad liberal arts education. SF State is a culturally diverse campus that is part of the 23-campus California State University system. SF State offers: bachelor's degrees in 78 academic areas with an additional 45 areas of concentration, master's degrees in 62 academic areas with an additional 40 areas of concentration, along with 17 credential programs and 35 undergraduate and graduate certificate programs. In addition, SF State offers a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) in Educational Leadership, Ph.D. in education, with a concentration in special education jointly with UC Berkeley; and a joint Master of Science in Physical Therapy leading to a clinical doctoral degree (D.P.T.) and a research doctorate for licensed physical therapists (DPTSc) jointly with UC San Francisco.

QUALIFICATIONS. The applicant will hold a doctoral degree and be able to function successfully in an environment that is both entrepreneurial and bottom-line oriented. Applicants will demonstrate success in maintaining and supporting academic excellence, including their own teaching and scholarly achievements, supporting faculty roles, conducting curricular assessments, and participating in accreditation processes. While the applicant may have served with distinction in a non-academic environment, in a university, or another learning organization, s/he should have experience with self-support or for-profit organizational models and be comfortable using that experience to administer within a university. In addition to a record of outstanding leadership and management using sound data-driven decisions, the applicant should demonstrate expertise in working with an extraordinarily diverse community and be at ease in a variety of local and global settings, from grassroot organizations to corporate boardrooms.

POSITION. The Dean of the College of Extended Learning is the chief executive officer of the college. The Dean is the primary advocate for the College of Extended Learning, both within and outside the University: The Dean is responsible for providing visionary leadership and sound fiscal management, for enhancing external strategic alliances, for maintaining excellent curricula and services, and for understanding risk and investment issues. The Dean reports to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and works in concert with other College Deans, the Office of University Advancement, the Office of International Programs and other University units to advance the broader agenda of the University in its external environment. The Dean works closely with College of Extended Learning staff and administrators in setting priorities, policies, and budgets; motivating and supporting the unit towards continuous improvement; and fostering and sustaining an environment of humane and effective human resource practices. The Dean should be conversant with technology mediated/distributed learning practices. Finally, the person who serves as Dean should have as a high priority the goal of increasing access to its fee-based programs for a diverse array of potential adult learners by increasing funding for scholarships and other forms of financial assistance directed toward economically disadvantaged yet qualified individuals.

PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY. Send application letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for a minimum of three references to:

San Francisco State University
Office of the Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
Chair, Search Committee of Dean College of Extended Learning
1600 Holloway Avenue, ADM 455
San Francisco, CA 94132-4111
or send electronic applications to: dean_cel@sfsu.edu

Starting date is before July 1, 2016. Review of applications and nominations will begin on September 14, 2015. Late applications will be accepted and evaluated until the position is filled.