DEPUTY PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR, EDUCATION AND INNOVATION.

Role Description

This DPVC vacancy has been created by the departure of Professor Rorden Wilkinson, and we are seeking to replace him with a dynamic and passionate colleague who will help us deliver the aims in the Learn to Transform strategy that particularly relate to education innovation. Working closely with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), and reporting to the Vice-Chancellor, you will provide leadership in relation to the initiatives already underway through Learn to Transform, as well as lead the projects identified in the next stage of the strategy. You will also take a leading role in shaping our growing Online and Distance Learning (ODL) provision.

Under the delegated authority of the Vice-Chancellor, the role holder will work closely with all parts of the University, including the Executive, Schools, Professional Services and the Students’ Union and student body, fostering individual and collective contribution, in the promotion and advancement of Education and Innovation at Sussex.

The role holder will combine the Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellorship with an academic post, on a 50/50 basis.

The key responsibilities of the role will be as follows:

1. To work with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (&S), the Vice-Chancellor and other colleagues in delivering the aims of the Learn to Transform strategy for Sussex which fosters an inclusive and positive environment for students, staff and visitors.
2. Lead the development of specific education and innovation related projects and events to support the delivery of the strategic plan, including contributions to the activities of the Pedagogic Revolution and the Learn to Transform Network.
3. Take a leading role in shaping the provision and growth of our ODL initiatives, working closely with our TEL team and Pearson partners.
4. Lead the University’s work in achieving external recognition in relation to education and innovation, and establishing a framework for measuring the University’s effectiveness in these areas.
5. Establish and lead a University wide network of Education and Innovation Champions (as part of the Learn to Transform Network) to advance and promote education/innovation.
6. Enhance the University’s participation in external education and innovation events and recommend ways in which Sussex can help to shape the regional, national and international agendas.
7. Ensure that an education and innovation perspective is provided to key institutional projects.
8. Chair the relevant committees established under the first stage of Learn to Transform, and Co-Chair at the request of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor other relevant committees.
9. Undertake other duties as agreed with the Vice-Chancellor.

Person Specification

1. Academic credibility with the experience and understanding to influence across disciplines.
2. Able to demonstrate successful leadership.
3. Sound knowledge of key issues, challenges and opportunities in the area of education and innovation, especially in Higher Education.
4. Understanding of how the education and innovation agenda contributes to achieving the University’s strategic objectives.
5. Ability to plan and deliver projects and turn strategy into action.
6. A high level of personal commitment, tenacity and focus.
7. An open, collaborative and supportive working style with the ability to engage a range of stakeholders in strategic discussions and achieve consensus.

**Process of Appointment**

This appointment is open to internal applicants only, from senior members of the academic staff, normally at professorial level.

Applications should consist of:

- a covering letter
- full CV detailing relevant academic qualifications
- employment-history
- achievements relative to the role

Where candidates have particular requirements if invited to interview, this should be stated in their covering letter. Applications should be addressed to Professor Adam Tickell, Vice-Chancellor, and emailed to proservicesrecruitment@sussex.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is 29 March 2020.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to and interview to be held on 21 May 2020 with an Appointing Committee chaired by the Vice-Chancellor.

The University values diversity and is committed to promoting equality and diversity, providing an inclusive and supportive environment for all. The University aims to ensure that job applicants and members of staff are treated solely on the basis of abilities and potential, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, trade union membership or non-membership, socio-economic background or any other inappropriate distinction.

Potential candidates are welcome to arrange an informal chat with the Vice-Chancellor and should contact Zoe Varney-Burch at z.h.varney-burch@sussex.ac.uk or on 8028 to arrange.

**Terms of appointment**

The successful candidate will hold a senior academic post at the University and will devote 50% of their time to the Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellorship.

The appointment as Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor will be for an initial term of 5 years, renewable by a mutual agreement for a further two years.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the role as soon as practicable.

January 2020