
Alabama Community College System

Job Description

Position Title: President

Accountability: Chancellor

FLSA (exemption): Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY

The President is the chief executive officer of the college and reports directly to the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. The President is responsible for business and community engagement, advancement, campus culture, and the student experience. The President is a champion for removing barriers to success through student-focused actions and support of expanded comprehensive services to students. The President is responsible for administering and supervising the total college program in the assigned college. As chief executive officer, the President must delegate authority and yet retain final responsibility for the effective operation of the college.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Cooperate with and support the ACCS Board and the Chancellor to enhance and promote the continued development and effectiveness of the ACCS as a comprehensive provider of post-secondary education and training.
2. Demonstrate effective leadership and management skills within the College and external community, including leading by example and participation.
3. Enhance, foster, cultivate and promote strong, positive relationships with local business and industry, community organizations, K-12 schools, and elected state and community leaders.
4. Fundraise and develop a strong, responsive College foundation.
5. Conduct appropriate long-range strategic planning and budget formation, implementation, and adherence.
6. Prepare and submit an annual, fiscally responsible balanced operating budget and properly administer the approved budget.
7. Institute policies and procedures that are consistent with ACCS Board policies and Chancellor's procedures, and that ensure compliance with, and effective administration of, Federal student financial aid and grant programs.
8. Administer and operate all affairs of the college within state law, federal law, ACCS

policies and guidelines, College policy, and in conformance with applicable accreditation and auditing standards.

9. Supervise and maintain College buildings, grounds, and equipment.
10. Develop economic and workforce development training and educational offerings that facilitate the growth of business and industry in Alabama.
11. Develop and implement effective recruitment, marketing, and retention plans.
12. Employ strategies that allow easy access to education, training, and career pathways for historically underserved populations.
13. Develop a culture of continuous improvement in teaching and learning that leads to increased student success.
14. Work to ensure optimal student usage of STARS transfer guides for minimal loss of credit when students transfer to 4-year universities and colleges, and a successful reverse transfer of credits for students from 4-year institutions back to the College in order to complete a degree.
15. Employ innovative strategies to ensure underprepared students have a viable pathway to success.
16. Implement a variety of student success strategies that effectively promote completion of formal College awards, attainment of industry-recognized credentials, and preparation for jobs in Alabama.
17. Employ and retain qualified and productive personnel through the implementation of an effective human resources program.
18. Understand and follow Alabama law in the appointment, supervision, disciplining, and dismissing of College employees.
19. Always display a highly professional attitude and demeanor.
20. Communicate and consult with the Chancellor regarding material items of management and operation of the College.
21. Effectively manage and resolve crises, problems, or conflicts.
22. Expand existing and creating or developing new or innovative programming and educational opportunities (both credit and non-credit) to increase community engagement, promote workforce development, and generate revenue that supports ACCS missions and goals.
23. Promote an organizational culture of professional excellence, customer service, innovation, quality services, and continuous improvement.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. A minimum of a master's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university or a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university with demonstrated management experience in the education field is required. Earned doctorate from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university is desired.
2. Substantial experience in a senior management position in higher education or substantial experience in a senior management position in a field outside of higher education where such experience is deemed relevant to, and provides a basis for judging, the candidate's capability to serve as a community college president.
3. Demonstrated experience in oral and written communications confirming the ability to effectively research ideas, organize thoughts, and persuade diverse internal and external audiences.
4. Knowledge of the mission and role of public two-year institutions, particularly their important role in community economic development and workforce development is required.
5. Experience in interpreting organizational needs, programs, and activities to the employees, community organizations and agencies, area school systems, the Legislature, and providing services training for business and industry is required.

Educational Philosophy

1. Committed to the community college concept of quality education.
2. Committed to the professional development of faculty and staff.
3. Student-oriented in the sense of recognizing that all aspects of the college are to facilitate learning and student development, with the student obtaining a level of competencies and the student being kept informed of progress.
4. Committed to the offering of programs that are relevant to the current needs of business and industry.
5. Demonstrated knowledge of the academic transfer programs and evidence of ability to work with the four-year institutions.
6. Demonstrated knowledge of the technical programs and evidence of ability to work with the business and industry.

Personal Characteristics

1. Demonstrated sensitivity to all facets of the community, including the needs of the various groups of which it is comprised.
2. Demonstrated ability to communicate well, both orally and in writing.
3. Demonstrated ability to work as a team member, which includes all segments of the college faculty, staff, students, and governing boards.
4. Demonstrated leadership, decision-making, and coordinating abilities in a complex organization.
5. Demonstrated ability to project a positive public image.

NOTE: The job description covers the general areas in which a President is expected to perform. The specific duties and responsibilities as detailed in the Presidents' evaluation procedures will be used to evaluate performance.