South Dakota State University
Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences

South Dakota State University (SDSU) invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS).

South Dakota State University is the state’s largest, most comprehensive higher education institution. As South Dakota’s Morrill Act land-grant university, SDSU had a fall 2022 enrollment of 11,331. Students can choose from 88 majors, 38 specializations, 104 minors, 39 master’s degree programs, 16 Ph.D. programs and 2 professional doctorates. The university also offers courses at various off-campus sites as well as undergraduate and graduate programs online. The university is governed by the South Dakota Board of Regents, which also has oversight of South Dakota’s five additional universities within a unified system.

The College of Education and Human Sciences serves 3,075 students with a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. The college consists of the School of Education, Counseling and Human Development and School of Health and Consumer Sciences. The two schools offer 20 major options, 15 minor paths and 22 graduate degree options and 5 certificate programs. The college also serves students within BHSU-Rapid City. This center is a satellite facility in the beautiful Black Hills region of South Dakota that specializes in bringing graduate-level education and career-enhancement opportunities to nontraditional students and educational professionals. The mission of the college is to enhance human potential by centering on the improvement of human life and community through the promotion of mental, physical, and financial health.

This is a particularly exciting time to join the College of Education and Human Sciences, as the new dean will have the opportunity to build upon the efforts of the CEHS faculty and staff and oversee the successful fall 2023 launch of two new programs, approved in May 2023 by the South Dakota Board of Regents, in elementary education and special education. Both programs align with the university’s strategic plan and its goal of increasing the number of accredited and high-quality academic programs to meet the needs of students and workforce needs of the state.

The new dean will be a proven visionary leader with a strong record of successful research and scholarship activity, as well as successful administrative leadership in a complex environment. The successful candidate will bring a deep appreciation of the variety of disciplines represented in the college; a passion for providing an outstanding educational experience for all students; an earned doctorate; and a distinguished record of academic performance consistent with appointment as a tenured full professor in a discipline appropriate to the college.

WittKieffer is assisting South Dakota State University in this search. A comprehensive leadership profile can be found here:

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