The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost is responsible for all the academic units (colleges and campuses) as well as major academic support units, such as Undergraduate Education, University Libraries, Information Technology, Educational Equity, Affirmative Action, Global Programs, Online Education, and Academic Affairs. The Provost is the chief academic officer of the University and acts as chief executive officer in the absence of the President.

The Provost works closely with the President, deans, academic staff, and committees in setting overall academic priorities for Penn State and allocating funds to move these priorities forward. The Provost provides overall guidance to Penn State's strategic planning efforts and regularly reviews the University's mission, vision and core values. The Provost leads or serves on other committees with broad leadership responsibilities, including the Academic Leadership Council, President's Council, the Council of Academic Deans, Central Enrollment Management Group, Budget Planning Task Force, and the Facilities Resources Committee.

Internally, the Provost’s Office is involved with academic affairs, teaching and learning, strategic planning and institutional assessment, enrollment management, resource allocation, international programs, information technologies, educational equity, outreach and online education, and most other functions across all campuses of the University. The Provost works closely with the Board of Trustees, particularly with the Committee on Governance and Long Range Planning and the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life. Externally, the Provost works with many advisory groups and with organizations such as the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the Association of American Universities (AAU), and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU).

Important priorities for the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost are encouraging greater engagement in teaching and learning processes, increasing multidisciplinary collaborations, building links between research and teaching, fostering diversity, and increasing interactions among campuses and colleges across Penn State. The Office organizes Penn State’s integration of strategic planning, budget planning, enrollment planning, and facilities planning. Assessment of academic programs is a high priority, as Penn State seeks to achieve greater academic excellence with limited resources.

There are opportunities for an Administrative Fellow to be involved with assessment, planning, or programming related to many broad issues affecting higher education, such as academic leadership, research excellence and outreach, strategic planning, facilities planning, and the effects of technology on teaching and learning.

Nicholas P. Jones  
Executive Vice President and Provost
The Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses is the University’s senior officer responsible for oversight of Penn State’s 20 Commonwealth campuses. The Vice President provides leadership for the University’s multiple missions across the Commonwealth and is responsible for the quality of academic programs in teaching, research, and service; strategic planning; budgeting; fundraising, alumni relations and outreach; and management of the campuses’ facilities.

In addition, the Vice President also serves as Dean of the University College and of Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies. The Dean provides academic leadership on curricular matters and promotion and tenure reviews for these 15 campuses.

The Administrative Fellow will have the opportunity for involvement in curricular issues, student retention, program assessment and collaboration, and a variety of special projects to increase their understanding of the individual campuses and the campus system as a whole. There will be many opportunities to accompany the Vice President or her staff on campus visits or to attend regional meetings. The Administrative Fellow will also be invited to attend the annual Campus Advisory Boards Forum and the Council of Campus Chancellors meetings (chaired by the Vice President) as well as numerous other committees on which the Vice President serves, including the Academic Leadership Council, the Council of Academic Deans, Facilities Resources Committee, and the Central Enrollment Management Group.

Madlyn L. Hanes
Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses
Outreach and Online Education (OOE) is an academic support unit within Penn State that provides leadership for the outreach mission University-wide and works collaboratively with the University’s academic colleges to serve external stakeholders by developing and delivering programs that increase access and link faculty expertise in teaching, research, and service with the needs of Pennsylvania and beyond. Penn State programs touch more than 5 million people annually, and participants hail from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. More than 1,500 faculty from all Penn State locations, representing every academic college, apply their scholarship through outreach. In addition to programmatic area that specifically focus on outreach and online education, OOE also includes marketing, communications, recruitment and admission services as well as administrative support units in development, finance and budget, talent management, and information systems. Below is a description of some of the major areas and foci within Penn State Outreach and Online Education.

**Penn State World Campus** is the University’s online campus and also it’s second largest campus after University Park. In 2014-2015 over 15,000 students attended the World Campus exclusively online, with an additional 5,000 resident instruction students taking World Campus courses. In 2015 World Campus was ranked by U.S. News and World Reports as number one for best online programs and number one for best online programs for military and veterans. Almost 600 staff in OOE and across the University work to support the delivery of over 125 online programs taught by over almost 1,000 faculty members. Deeply integrated with the core of the University and all of the colleges, World Campus offers students a true Penn State degree and furthers a mission of access, affordability, and success with a deep commitment to serving adult students, military and veterans, and non-traditional students.

**Professional and Continuing Education (PACE)** includes several diverse areas that serve life-long learners across the Commonwealth and beyond and continue to fulfill the University’s land-grant mission. Conferences and Institutes plans and manages more than 300 programs each year that provide learning and professional development for Penn State’s academic colleges, visiting scholars, businesses and organizations, youth and families, and more. Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center offers academic and community environmental programs. Additionally, the Justice and Safety Institute provides contracted programs for law enforcement and child-welfare workers. Other PACE groups include the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program (PennTAP), which engages and empowers Pennslyvania organizations with Penn State expertise and resources, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), which provides older adults with access to affordable courses, trips, and social activities.

**WPSU Penn State** includes WPSU-TV (a PBS affiliate serving 515,000 households in a twenty-five county area), WPSU-FM radio (an NPR affiliate reaching 430,000 listeners in thirteen counties), a Creative Media unit, and a Multimedia unit. On-demand programming and streaming audio and video via numerous platforms extends the reach of WPSU Penn State to the nation and the world.
Entrepreneurship, economic development, and educational technology (EdTech) are growing areas of focus for OOE and are part of several OOE initiatives. The Small Business Development Center provides no-cost, confidential consulting services for small businesses and entrepreneurs, and the group collaborates on both Penn State’s Global Entrepreneurship Week and the TechCelerator incubator that is run in partnership with Ben Franklin Technology Partners. In 2015, OOE created the EdTech Network with a vision of creating an unprecedented network of companies, venture capital firms, start-ups, technologists, entrepreneurs, researchers, and educators who work together in a mutually-beneficial way to advance the World Campus and student success.

Engaged scholarship is a pivotal part of the work in Outreach and Online Education. OOE provides a number of opportunities for internships with WPSU and PennTAP and hands-on learning opportunities for students at Shaver’s Creek. The organization works with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Extension to run two urban centers (one in Philadelphia and one in Pittsburgh) that provide for engagement opportunities across the Commonwealth. OOE is providing leadership in exploring engaged scholarship for online students, with possibilities ranging from engagement through technologies such as double telepresence robots to face-to-face engagement with Penn State alumni across the country.

Major challenges and issues for Outreach include: 1) continuing to provide the best online education in the country and constantly evolving our offerings through innovation in technology, delivery, marketing and more; 2) increasing access, affordability, and success for all of our learners; 3) supporting University priorities (President’s imperatives and the strategic themes) through our daily work and the use of public media to increase impact and visibility of the strategic themes; 4) becoming more self-sufficient financially and providing a greater financial return to academic partners; 5) serving as an advocate for adult learners at Penn State; 6) promoting engaged scholarship by providing engaged scholarship opportunities to our online students and also by connecting our resident instructions students with internships in our organization and without community partners; 7) marshalling the statewide resources of Penn State to address economic, workforce, and community development needs across Pennsylvania; and 8) aligning the needs and interests of potential students, learners, clients, viewers, and listeners with the needs and interests of academic partners and of the University.

The Administrative Fellow will have an opportunity to be involved with administrative, academic, marketing, technology, and business issues within and across Outreach program divisions and with bodies such as the World Campus Executive Team and the OOE, the University Council on Engaged Scholarship, the Digital Learning Steering Committee, and the Faculty Senate Committee on Outreach Activities, and will be exposed to the University’s presence in communities throughout the state.

Craig D. Weidemann  
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