The University of Dallas invites applications for the position of Dean of Constantin College, beginning in the summer of 2015. The Dean will lead a faculty of over seventy-five teachers and active scholars. He or she will oversee a core curriculum grounded in the liberal arts and built on the great texts of the Western tradition as well as more than twenty undergraduate major and pre-professional programs. The Dean will be an eloquent champion of Catholic liberal education among constituencies internal and external to the university.

About the University of Dallas

The University of Dallas (UD) is a Catholic university with a unique identity. It emphasizes educating the whole person, encouraging its students to pursue wisdom, truth, and virtue as the primary ends of education (http://www.udallas.edu/about/mission.html). As the “Catholic university for independent thinkers,” UD welcomes students and faculty from different backgrounds. Although founded as a liberal-arts college, the University of Dallas has expanded so that it currently comprises four academic units: the Constantin College of Liberal Arts, the Satish and Yasmin Gupta College of Business, the Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Ministry. The main campus is located in Irving, Texas, near downtown Dallas and in convenient proximity to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The University of Dallas boasts an international campus near Rome, Italy, where most of its undergraduates study for a semester. UD is widely recognized for its core curriculum and the strength of its liberal-arts education (http://www.udallas.edu/about/rankings.html). The university was awarded its Phi Beta Kappa charter in 1989, and is the youngest institution to achieve this distinction. More information about the university is available at www.udallas.edu.

About Constantin College

Constantin College is the university’s undergraduate college devoted to the humanities, fine arts, mathematics, and the sciences. The hallmark of its offerings is a twenty-course core curriculum that students of all the majors complete. This core curriculum provides the foundation for a comprehensive and intensive liberal education. UD’s education is “liberal” in the literal sense of aiming to free students to pursue what matters most in life: intellectual insight, poetic and artistic beauty, and virtue in one’s social relations. As part of a Catholic university, Constantin College encourages its students to inquire into ultimate truth and consider the relationship between reason and faith.
The College offers twenty-three majors in the humanities, arts, and sciences as well as pre-professional programs that prepare students for advanced study in law, medicine, and other health-related fields. The College also partners with area universities to provide programs in nursing and engineering. Constantin College faculty members are accomplished within their fields, leading scholarly initiatives such as the Center for Thomas More Studies and the Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations. For more information about the Constantin College, visit http://www.udallas.edu/constantin/index.html.

Position Description

The Dean of Constantin College will be the intellectual and administrative leader and representative of the faculty of the college. He or she will coordinate the goals and interests of diverse departments, ranging from theology and the humanities to science and the arts. The Dean will oversee the core curriculum and encourage ongoing discussion of its content and meaning. The Dean will encourage and support scholarly research and artistic creation, helping to identify appropriate sources of funding for these activities.

As the chief administrative officer of the college, the Dean will collaborate not only with faculty, but with staff and alumni to further the mission of the college. Responsibilities include: leading the recruitment, development, and retention of faculty and staff; enhancing the culture of scholarship and artistic creation; supporting the recruitment and retention of students and overseeing the assessment of their learning; administering the budget; maintaining the quality of all programs, both degree and non-degree, as well as supporting the development of any new programs; encouraging cooperation between Constantin College and the other academic units on campus; and fundraising in cooperation with the university’s advancement office to support Constantin College initiatives. The Dean will hold faculty rank. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Qualifications

The candidate should hold a terminal academic degree in a field represented in Constantin College. Being an established presence in his or her field, the candidate should be eligible for tenure and possess a significant record of scholarly achievement. The candidate must be deeply familiar with liberal education and the Catholic intellectual tradition and able forcefully to articulate their value. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to a strong core curriculum or an experience of it in a college. Previous administrative experience commensurate with an appointment as a dean is preferred. This includes experience in enhancing student performance and retention, and an understanding of learning assessment and other initiatives that support institutional accreditation.

Application Process

Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for at least three professional references electronically to DeanSearch@udallas.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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