

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT & UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

ISSUE: In accordance with ABOR Policy 6-101, the Board is asked to approve the appointment of Dr. Adrian Sannier to the position of Vice-President & University Technology Officer.

BACKGROUND:

- The position of Vice President & University Technology Officer replaces the position of Vice-Provost & Chief Information Officer previously held by Dr. William Lewis. Dr. Lewis retired as of June 30, 2006.
- Dr. Sannier was appointed Deputy Senior Vice-President and University Technology Officer in 2005. In that capacity, he has been leading the University's strategic planning process for University information technology. In July, 2006, he assumed responsibility for the information technology staff, budget and operations.
- The strategic deployment of information technology will be one of the primary means by which ASU will meet its goals of excellence, access and impact. In doing so, information technology must be selected, implemented and integrated as part of an information technology system which can meet the unique administrative, research, and academic computing needs of a comprehensive, multi-campus, research university in one of the fastest growing areas of the United States. Accordingly, ASU seeks to appoint the University Technology Officer as a vice president of the University to reflect further, both internally and externally, the critical role of this officer in the design, implementation and advancement of the University on all campuses and with respect to all information technologies.
- Prior to assuming his current position at ASU, Dr. Sannier held the appointment as the Stanley Professor of Interdisciplinary Engineering at Iowa State University (ISU). He also served as Associate Director for the Virtual Reality Applications Center (VRAC) at ISU. Research at VRAC focuses on the applications of immersive visualization and next generation human/computer interfaces to challenges in science, technology and the humanities.
- Dr. Sannier has previously held a variety of positions in private industry including Vice-President of Engineering Animation, Inc., a 3-D visualization software and information systems company. Among the responsibilities he assumed at Engineering Animation, Inc. was serving as general manager of one of its operational units with approximately 200 employees, approximately seventy projects, and customers such as Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Disney, Hasbro, McGraw Hill and Elsevier.
- Dr. Sannier received his bachelor's degree in systems science from Michigan State University in 1982 and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1988. While at Michigan State University, he studied at the Case Center for CAD/CAM systems and software. His thesis research dealt with speciation and co-adaption in parallel distributed evolving systems driven by a genetic algorithm.
- Dr. Sannier's annual salary will be \$201,525.

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the appointment of Adrian Sannier as Vice President & University Technology Officer effective October 1, 2006.

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