

RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Recommendation:

President M. Roy Wilson and Provost Kornbluh recommend the appointment of Dr. Ahmad Ezzeddine as Vice President for Academic Student Affairs and Global Engagement. This appointment is for a five-year term, effective 12/3/2021.

Position Description:

The Vice President for Academic Student Affairs and Global Engagement will lead the university's efforts in developing, implementing, and providing programs and services that support students throughout the student lifecycle from their initial engagement with Wayne State University to graduation and to launching their careers and lifelong learning journey. The Vice President for Academic Student Affairs and Global Engagement will oversee a division that includes Enrollment Management, Student Success, Educational Outreach, Transfer Student Success Center, the Office of International Programs, and several academic student-facing services offices, departments, or programs within the Provost Office.

A member of the President's Cabinet and also reporting to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the VP for Academic Student Affairs and Global Engagement will work closely and collaborate with cabinet members, deans and other provost senior staff, the Academic Senate, faculty, and staff to develop and deploy student-centered academic and support services that include clear academic pathways for all entering students.

The Vice President for Academic Student Affairs and Global Engagement will work closely with senior leadership and faculty and the entire campus community to deliver on enrollment goals that are in alignment with the University's strategic plan and provide a transformational impact on student mobility and student success. The VP will foster a culture and environment that ensures seamless, "customer-centered" resolutions of issues involving admissions, financial aid, and other areas within enrollment management and student success. In addition, the VP will lead initiatives to augment the curricular and co-curricular experience in close partnership with the university's academic enterprise.

The VP will work with the President, the Provost and university leaders to expand strategic partnerships with national and local organizations, agencies, and institutions in support of the University's goals and mission.

Background on Dr. Ezzeddine:

Dr. Ahmad Ezzeddine is the Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach and International Programs at Wayne State University (WSU). In this capacity, he leads the university's academic national, global, and corporate educational engagement initiatives and programs. This encompasses overseeing the university's satellite campuses and off-campus programs, transfer student initiatives including partnerships with community colleges and the

Transfer Student Success Center, and Executive and Professional Development, the university's training, consulting, and continuing education arm.

As WSU's Senior International Officer, he oversees the university's Office of International Programs where he has developed partnerships with institutions in the Middle East, Latin America, Korea, and China which have led to innovative initiatives and new educational and research opportunities for students and faculty. A member of the Board of Directors of NAFSA: Association of International Educators since 2019, he was elected NAFSA's Vice President for Scholarship and Institutional Strategy.

In addition to his role as Associate VP, Dr. Ezzeddine serves as Senior Associate to the President for Special Initiatives. A firm proponent of the crucial role that universities play in driving economic and community development, he is responsible for forging linkages with organizations in the City of Detroit and the region and supporting community engagement and economic development initiatives. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities' (APLU) Commission on Economic and Community Engagement.

Named one of *Crain's Detroit Business* "40 Under 40" Class of 2007, Dr. Ezzeddine is committed to serving the community since his arrival to the Detroit area more than 30 years ago. He earned three degrees from Wayne State University, including a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering. He is the current Chair of the Board of Directors of ACCESS, the largest Arab American community nonprofit in the United States.