



President

Leadership Profile

Fall 2026



Executive Summary

Park University seeks an innovative and growth-oriented leader to serve as its next President.

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The flagship campus in Parkville, Missouri, sits atop rolling hills overlooking the Missouri River and boasts an impressive community with its beautiful, historic buildings. The campus also includes a unique underground academic space excavated from native limestone. The underground campus houses classrooms, faculty and staff offices, a boardroom, and student services. The University also manages and oversees the successful Parkville Commercial Underground, an innovative commercial space that provides 302,000 square feet of economical and secure space for small businesses and wholesalers in the Kansas City area.

Park enters this presidential transition from a position of growing stability and renewed possibility. Recent years have seen significant institutional assessment, organizational restructuring, strategic planning, and actions to strengthen the University's financial position and accreditation standing. As a result, the next President will inherit an institution that has undertaken important foundational work and is now positioned to build upon that progress. The successful candidate will honor the gains already achieved while leading Park confidently into its next phase of growth, innovation, and institutional distinction.

Reporting to an engaged Board of Trustees, the President will be expected to grow the University into the future. The President provides leadership in developing, articulating, and executing the University's vision and, in collaboration with the Board, establishes Park's goals, objectives, and strategic priorities. The President is the steward of all University assets and resources and ensures the establishment and execution of the governing policies and procedures across Park's campuses. The President will possess the temperament, comportment, and acumen to establish and maintain constructive relationships with University constituents. The President will foster a culture of high performance and accountability within the leadership team and deliver results consistent with established targets. The next President will lead by personal example, molding the staff and faculty into an effective team that harnesses Park's diverse components, synchronizes its dynamic features and functions, and successfully leads Park into the future. The next Park University President will be expected to focus their efforts on elevating the vision, identity, and strategic planning of the University; grow enrollment and student success; diversify revenue streams and strengthen academic programs; support academic excellence and shared governance; lift up institutional culture and collegiality; and enhance philanthropy and external engagement. The President has oversight of the \$62 million operating budget and a \$67 million endowment and is supported by a talented team of leaders.

The next President will have extensive leadership experience and skills, demonstrating the ability to successfully lead complex and diverse organizations in settings that value individual and collective achievement, innovation, and accountability. They will be known for demonstrated collegiality, creativity, financial acumen, and a proven track record in academic innovation and success. The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate, an equivalent terminal degree, or proven leadership and sufficient understanding of higher education to earn the respect of the Park faculty.

To submit a nomination or express personal interest in this position, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of the document.



Role of the President

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- Promoting the University's mission, values, and brand locally, nationally, and abroad through principled leadership consistent with the institution's core values
- Setting the strategic direction of the University, ensuring its operational effectiveness, and developing a high-performing culture focused on student success and academic excellence
- Ensuring Park's compliance with accreditation and regulatory requirements set forth by the Higher Learning Commission, state and federal guidelines, and program-specific accreditation bodies
- Supporting the University's extracurricular programs including music, arts, sports, and others, while ensuring the highest academic standards
- Fostering an environment conducive to robust student recruitment and retention consistent with Park's mission and core values
- Ensuring sound financial stewardship and acumen over all University assets and resources, including academic and non-academic programs
- Ensuring faculty, staff, and community resources are focused on student achievement, academic excellence, and operational effectiveness
- Discharging the duties of the University with skill and integrity while embodying a commitment to shared governance
- Understanding the needs of Park University and addressing them in the near-term and future
- Supporting scholarship, research, and the development of viable academic initiatives
- Modeling Park's Core Values, fostering a supportive community, and ensuring the safety and security of all community members
- Diversifying revenue streams, raising transformational gifts, broadening Park's donor base, and driving enrollment and advancement

Direct reports include the Provost, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Vice President for Advancement, Marketing, and Communications, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Human Resources Officer and Senior Executive Assistant. An organizational chart is included at the end of this document.

Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

In addition to the duties outlined above, the President will be expected to focus on the following priorities:

Elevate Vision, Identity, and Strategic Planning:

The incoming President will play a central role in shaping and executing a compelling, unifying vision for Park's future. Celebrating 150 years of *fides et labor* (Latin for faith and work, the University's motto), the President must clarify Park's identity as a private, not-for-profit institution whose founding as a work college distinguishes it in a competitive higher education landscape. Honoring its historic mission and vision of access and lifelong learning across multiple campuses, Park is primed to welcome a leader who will help to propel the institution into its next chapter. The board has approved a set of [strategic commitments and goals](#) through 2030, including the "[Transforming Futures: Real Lives, Real Learning, Real Impact](#)" strategic plan. Park's designation as an "Opportunity College – Higher Access, Higher Earnings" according to the Carnegie Student Access and Earnings Classification is an example of the institution's commitment and success in enrolling low-income and underrepresented students who go on to earn significantly higher wages compared to their local peers. By sharpening and articulating this distinct value proposition and rallying the community around a set of new strategic priorities, the President will foster institutional pride and chart a bold course for the next chapter of Park's history.

▪ **Focus on Enrollment Growth and Student Success:**

Among the President's top priorities will be stabilizing and growing enrollment while improving student retention and persistence. Park's unique educational model serves students across residential campuses, online programs, and campus centers located throughout the country. The President must appreciate the distinct needs of these student populations while fostering a shared institutional culture that unites them under a common mission. Success will require a leader who understands how to leverage multiple delivery modalities and geographically dispersed operations to create a cohesive and student-centered experience. The President will be expected to expand market-relevant programs and ensure seamless access to student services. The President will recognize the important role that athletics, residential life, student engagement, and campus experiences play in supporting enrollment, retention, and institutional vitality. Working collaboratively with University leaders, the President will evaluate opportunities to strengthen the residential student experience while ensuring such investments align with Park's mission, enrollment goals, and long-term financial sustainability. Through this work, the President will partner closely with constituents from across the University to articulate a compelling academic brand and vision to further the institution's success and attract new students.

▪ **Diversify Revenue Streams and Strengthen Academic Programs:**

Hand in hand with enrollment growth, financial sustainability will remain a key priority for Park's next leader. Advancing the University's aspirations and commitment to accessibility will require forward-looking business models, strategic resource development, and long-range financial planning. Working closely with the Board of Trustees, the President will identify and pursue innovative opportunities to strengthen the institution's financial position and support its long-term success. The President should bring both entrepreneurial vision and sound business acumen to strengthen reserves, grow the endowment, and diversify revenue streams beyond tuition. In partnership with faculty and institutional leaders, the President will identify opportunities for programmatic growth, align investments with student and workforce demand, and make transparent decisions regarding resource allocation. The successful candidate will help ensure Park remains adaptable, financially resilient, and well-positioned to respond to emerging opportunities and challenges. As steward of the University's physical assets, the President will thoughtfully evaluate the strategic use of Park's facilities, property holdings, and campus infrastructure. In collaboration with the Board and senior leadership, the President will assess opportunities that support institutional priorities, enhance the student experience, generate sustainable revenue, and position the University for future growth.

- **Support Academic Excellence and Shared Governance:**

Park faculty are deeply committed to teaching, are active scholars in their fields, and are engaged participants in the University and the local community. The President should have a strong record of supporting faculty development and academic excellence and will be expected to be a collaborative and transparent leader who engages faculty and staff in decision-making and respects the shared governance ethos that permeates the campus.

- **Lift Up Institutional Culture and Collegiality:**

Members of the Park community have demonstrated remarkable resilience through significant institutional change, including leadership changes, academic restructuring, reduction in force, and enterprise system implementations. The next President will recognize both the opportunities and challenges that accompany transformation and will lead with empathy, authenticity, and transparency. By fostering trust, celebrating successes, supporting faculty and staff, and maintaining open communication, the President will help sustain momentum while creating an environment in which individuals feel valued, informed, and empowered to contribute to the University's future. Underlying these efforts must be a steadfast commitment to collaboration and to creating an inclusive environment where a wide range of viewpoints and perspectives are sought out, engaged with, listened to, considered, respected, and valued. Creating and supporting the conditions for collegiality and collaboration will be critical to uniting Park's multiple campuses and online programs under a common purpose and vision.

- **Enhance Philanthropy:**

The President will serve as Park's chief ambassador, fundraiser, and storyteller, elevating philanthropy, expanding the University's visibility, and increasing awareness of the institution's distinctive strengths and contributions. The President will have a public presence and reputation that motivates existing external partners to strengthen their relationships with Park and inspires new partners to align with the University's strategic direction and expand its impact. Building stronger relationships with alumni, donors, and communities that Park serves will be critical to growing the endowment and securing resources for scholarships and strategic initiatives. Park University is currently conducting a comprehensive campaign feasibility and readiness study in partnership with an external consulting firm. Campaign planning is intentionally aligned with the presidential transition, with the consulting firm presenting its final campaign recommendations to the Board of Trustees in spring 2027. Thus, allowing the next president to play a meaningful role in shaping the University's philanthropic vision, priorities, and case for support.

- **External Engagement:** The President must deepen Park's connections with employers, civic leaders, and military installations to enhance career outcomes for students and reinforce Park's role and reputation as a vital educational and community partner. Through strategic communication and relationship-building, the President will strengthen the institution's role as a workforce development partner by fostering deeper relationships with employers, industry leaders, military organizations, and community stakeholders. As workforce needs continue to evolve, the President will ensure the University's academic portfolio remains responsive to market demand while preserving the values of a liberal arts education. Building pathways that connect education, career advancement, and community impact will be essential to supporting enrollment growth and student success.

Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The next President will have extensive leadership experience and skills, demonstrating the ability to lead complex, diverse organizations in settings that value individual and collective achievement, innovation, and accountability.

The successful candidate will possess the following professional qualifications and qualities:

- **Academic Credentials:** The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate, an equivalent terminal degree, or proven leadership and sufficient understanding of higher education to earn the respect of the Park faculty.
- **Leadership & Strategic Vision:** The President will be a visionary leader who understands the evolving landscape of higher education and is prepared to meet the demands of tomorrow. The President should bring strategic insight, a proven track record of success, and the ability to make difficult decisions with conviction. An entrepreneurial mindset and business acumen, coupled with the ability to lead with innovation while remaining grounded in the realities of private nonprofit higher education, are also essential. The successful candidate will have experience cultivating productive relationships grounded in trust, candor, accountability, and mutual respect, while ensuring effective collaboration to support the University's strategic priorities and long-term success.
- **Student-Centered Approach:** Park University places students at the center of its vision. The President will champion strategies that support student persistence, retention, and long-term success and advocate for a holistic approach to student life that includes mental health, advising, athletics, co-curricular activities, academics, residence life, and equity. The President will prioritize belonging and success across the student lifecycle, utilizing both qualitative and quantitative data to inform strategies that extend beyond performance metrics. The next President will promote a culture in which institutional decisions, resource allocation, and organizational structures are evaluated through the lens of student impact, ensuring resources remain closely aligned with the services and experiences. They will also have an understanding of diverse student modalities and needs, ensuring that initiatives are truly student-focused, address the root causes of opportunity gaps, and foster inclusive excellence.
- **Academic Leadership:** The next President will bring an unwavering commitment to academic excellence across the institution. Their leadership honors the traditions of liberal arts education while embracing the innovation necessary to respond to current challenges. The President must exhibit a profound understanding of higher education, accreditation, shared governance, and working with unionized faculty. They will have demonstrated experience facilitating change management, streamlining processes, and removing barriers that hinder progress. Unafraid to disrupt outdated systems, the next President should bring fresh ideas and a readiness to lead the University into uncharted territory with confidence and clarity.
- **Strong and Accessible Advocate:** The next President will be a change agent with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, a commitment to transparency, the ability to seek consensus by actively engaging and listening to others, and the ability to collaborate and consider the views of a wide range of constituencies. They will embody an authentic, accessible, and energetic leadership style that builds collaborative, empowered, and accountable teams, actively engages the community, inspires excellence and innovation, cultivates a culture of belonging, and sustains organizational adaptability and resilience. Their collaborative nature fosters trust and inclusiveness, ensuring that shared governance is not just a principle but a practiced reality. The President will have demonstrated experience in fostering community and championing the interests of all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and stakeholders. The selected candidate will also have demonstrated ethical leadership, characterized by the highest level of integrity, particularly under pressure, as well as self-awareness, compassion, and emotional intelligence.

- **Financial Stewardship:** This President should possess strong financial literacy and a proven track record of responsible institutional stewardship. They should possess outstanding fiscal acumen, including a record of sound budgetary stewardship and resourcefulness in developing innovative ways to generate revenue through new avenues, as well as a solid understanding of student enrollment trends. The President's financial acumen will include the ability to assess current resource allocation practices, identify and optimize operations to ensure efficiency and coordinated infrastructure, and align budgets with institutional priorities. A deep understanding of the higher education landscape and its current and future challenges is essential, as is an understanding of how complex organizations function and thrive. Additionally, capacity and aptitude for crisis management are important.
- **Community Engagement and Fundraising:** Demonstrated experience in fundraising across a diverse donor base, as well as a record of building strong relationships with alumni, friends, corporate and foundation leaders, and individual donors.



About Park University

Overview

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Park's revenue of approximately \$71 million, and endowment of \$67 million, is comprised primarily of tuition and earned fee revenue.

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Mackay Hall is the oldest – and most iconic – building on campus. It was first occupied in 1893, placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and houses the University's administrative offices, as well as classrooms. It was started in 1886 with the help of students who quarried the stone from the school's land, carried it to the site, and helped to build the structure as a means of earning their tuition. With its clock tower overlooking the residence halls, classrooms, and other more modern facilities around it, Mackay Hall has become the symbol of the University and the town of Parkville.

Park first embraced its mascot, the Pirates, at its flagship Parkville, Mo., campus in 1925. The Buccaneers mascot was later added in 2018 on its Gilbert, Arizona campus. The University's official colors are canary and wine.

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Mission

"Park University offers access to a transformative education that equips learners to realize their individual purpose, navigate their professional journeys, and thrive through purposeful work."

Vision

"Park University will be nationally recognized for a distinctive model that integrates students' real lives into the classroom, prioritizes real learning through career-integrated pathways, and equips students to drive real impact in their communities."

Core Values

Purpose – We empower students and each other to discover and pursue meaningful paths.

Belonging – We create a supportive community where all voices, from our local communities to the global village, matter and all are treated with civility and respect.

Integrity – We act with honesty, transparency, and trust.

Excellence – We pursue the highest standards in teaching, learning, leadership, and service.

Strategic Commitments

- Provide students with a holistic academic experience, equipping them with the durable skills and professional experiences needed for long-term success.
- Realize enrollment growth and increase retention through an enhanced student-focused experience.
- Optimize financial, technology, physical, and human resource sustainability in support of our student-centered focus.
- Foster an engaged community where faculty, staff, students, and the external community are empowered to collaborate, connect, and partner for the benefit of the greater good.

Academics

Park University offers a breadth of educational options for students, including 10 undergraduate certificates, eight associate's degree programs, 48 bachelor's degree programs, 11 graduate degree programs (10 master's degrees and one specialist), and 14 graduate certificates. Students can study in the traditional liberal arts and sciences; applied fields such as information systems, business analytics, and health sciences; and a diverse array of business programs.

All programs are housed in one of five primary academic divisions:

- Division of Natural and Health Sciences
- Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Division of Arts, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies and Education
- Robert W. Plaster Division of Business and Management
- Division of Information and Computer Science, Mathematics, Information Systems and Analytics

This academic structure, which was implemented in Fall 2026 after an extensive shared governance process, has created a more sustainable and easier-to-navigate structure, while enhancing collaboration across complementary academic programs, faculty, and students.

All Park University programs emphasize durable skills such as effective communication, ethical decision-making, information literacy, and critical thinking. Park's institutional accreditation is through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and its business, public administration, education, nursing, and social work programs also maintain program-level accreditations. The university's accreditation was reaffirmed in 2024, and since that time Park has made substantial progress in strengthening enrollment, student success initiatives, strategic planning, shared governance, and financial sustainability. HLC reviewers have commended the institution's collaborative approach to addressing challenges and noted the positive impact of its new leadership team, [strategic plan](#), and forward-looking initiatives, recognizing Park's momentum as it enters an important new stage of development.

Park University faculty are teacher-scholars, committed to professional development in their fields and excellence in the classroom. Practitioner knowledge is especially leveraged in professional programs to bring professional perspectives and timely insights from business and industry into the classroom.

Rankings and Value

Money (2025): One of 86 Best Value Colleges:

- **#18** lowest estimated annual cost
- **#20** early career salary

Carnegie Classification (2025):

- Park is in the Top 16% of U.S. universities for student opportunities & earnings

Niche (2025–26):

- #26 / 1,615 – Most Diverse Colleges in America
- #78 / 1,560 – Safest Campuses
- #136 / 1,215 – Best Colleges for Business
- Missouri-specific: #1 diversity, #2 safety, #2 business programs

Enrollment

Fall 2025:

- Total headcount: 4,949
- Enrollment by level and intensity:
- 3,995 undergraduates (2,255 full-time, 1,740 part-time)
- 954 graduate students (138 full-time, 816 part-time)

Undergraduate Students:

- 56 percent (2,255) are full-time; 44 percent (1,740) are part-time.
- 98 percent (3,918) are degree-seeking; 2 percent (77) are non-degree seeking.
- Reported undergraduate gender distribution is 55% male and 45% female.
- 61 percent of undergraduate students fall into a race/ethnicity category other than White. This includes American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; as well as students who report two or more races, whose race/ethnicity is unknown, or who are international students on an F-1 Visa.
- The average age for undergraduate students is 29.

Graduate Students:

- 14 percent (138) are full-time; 86 percent (816) are part-time.
- Our reported graduate gender distribution is 50% male and 50% female.
- 75 percent of graduate students fall into a race/ethnicity category other than White. This includes American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; as well as students who report two or more races, whose race/ethnicity is unknown, or who are international students on an F-1 Visa.
- The average age for graduate students is 35.

Military Affiliation:

- 43 percent of all students have some affiliation with the military (whether as active-duty servicemembers, veterans, spouses, or dependents). Branches for active-duty servicemembers and veterans: Air Force (59%), Army (19%), Marines (16%), Navy (4%) Unknown or other (2%).

International Students on F-1 Visa:

- The University currently enrolls 499 international students on an F-1 Visa. They represent 64 countries. The nine countries with the highest population are Ghana, Kenya, Nepal, Brazil, India, Colombia, Germany, Italy, and Serbia.

Student Life

The diversity of Park University students, in terms of geographic location, race/ethnicity, age, and socio-economic status, contributes to the richness of the culture and the quality of the learning experience across the Park network. The University places a priority on meeting students where they are in their academic and personal journeys. For this reason, Park offers courses and programs in multiple modalities. Students can choose face-to-face, fully online, or blended classes, which combine face-to-face and online learning, depending on their learning needs, location, and life circumstances for that term.

Students at all campus locations are offered opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. There are active interest and academic student groups, honors societies, social/service leadership organizations, and a number of study abroad opportunities. Students at the two residential campuses in Parkville, MO, and Gilbert, AZ are engaged in more comprehensive student life experiences due to the residential living and athletics offered at only those two campuses. There are 17 sports offered on the Parkville and 12 on the Gilbert campuses, and the success demonstrated by Park's athletic programs is remarkable, including NAIA national championships earned in 2018 by the Parkville women's volleyball team and in 2026 by the Parkville men's volleyball team.



Campuses



Park University's flagship campus is located in historic Parkville, Missouri, just minutes from downtown Kansas City. Set on nearly 650 wooded acres overlooking the Missouri River, the campus combines natural beauty and historic architecture with access to a major metropolitan area. Parkville offers a vibrant small-town setting within the rapidly growing Kansas City Northland, while the flagship campus provides a traditional university experience enriched by academics, athletics, arts and culture, and a diverse international community.

Located on the Parkville campus, the President's House is one of the oldest buildings at Park University. Originally built in 1917 with a donation from Ella Park Lawrence (the only child of Park University founder George Park), the White House was built to have the Park University presidents closer to the students. The colonial-style building was recently updated and consists of three floors, plus a finished basement.

Across the wider region, Park has the opportunity to advance its mission through relationships with a growing network of employers, civic organizations, and educational partners. The Greater Kansas City region is home to more than 2.2 million people and offers an exceptional combination of affordability, economic opportunity, and quality of life. Its national and international profile continues to rise following its role as a fan-favorite host of six 2026 FIFA World Cup matches and the recent success of the Kansas City Chiefs. The recently renovated international airport serves more than 50 nonstop markets, connecting the region to the world.

According to the Kansas City Area Development Council, the metro area saw \$1.3 billion in capital investment and 3,200 new jobs in 2025 alone. For Park, this growth creates opportunities to build student pathways through strategic partnerships. The regional economy has particular strengths in animal health, fintech, health technology, logistics, advanced manufacturing, engineering, and architecture.

Park University's Gilbert Campus, established in 2018 and designated a branch campus by the Higher Learning Commission in 2019, is located in the thriving East Valley region of metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona. Situated in the heart of downtown Gilbert, one of the fastest-growing communities in the nation, the campus serves a diverse student body with strong academic programs in Business, Sport and Exercise Science, Psychology, and Criminal Justice Administration. The campus has a unique student profile with 75% of Gilbert students participating in athletics across 17 teams. With partnerships that span local government, school districts, and regional employers, the Gilbert Campus has become a strategic representation of Park University's commitment to accredited, accessible, and affordable education. Since its founding, the campus has celebrated more than 550 graduates, underscoring its role as a vibrant and growing part of Park University's mission.

Park University campus centers champion dynamic, resilient education tailored for those who serve. Park strategically reduced its physical Campus Center footprint by closing 11 locations, generating approximately \$1.8 million in infrastructure savings and \$467,000 in personnel savings, while repositioning resources towards the eight remaining campus locations as well as providing a more sustainable and scalable virtual model for serving students nationally. Digital recruitment, installation geofencing, military education fairs, military-spouse campaigns, virtual advising, and centralized military support allow Park to reach students well beyond the communities in which it operates a physical center. The reduction in Campus Centers should not be viewed as a reduction in Park University's national or military presence. It represents a transition from a high-cost, location-dependent model to a scalable national model built around how today's military-affiliated and adult students actually access higher education.

Today, with eight campus centers in seven states – mostly on military bases – Park supports non-traditional learners like active-duty service members, veterans, and their families. These hubs offer full-service support, from transfer articulation, to advising, to VA certification. While most coursework is online, some centers offer in-person classes, fostering connection and community. Adjunct faculty often serve as academic leaders, ensuring continuity and excellence. More than classrooms, Park's centers are lifelines – providing accessible, flexible education for students balancing service, family, and learning.

Campus Locations:

- Gilbert, Arizona
- Camp Pendleton, California
- Parkville, Missouri
- MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina
- El Paso, TX
- Fort Bliss, Texas
- Hill AFB, Utah
- FE Warren AFB, Wyoming

By Credit Hour:

- Online: 34,691 (72.6%)
- Parkville (MO): 9,535 (19.9%)
- Gilbert (AZ): 2,670 (5.6%)
- Camp Pendleton (CA): 264 (<1%)
- Campus Centers: 651 (1.4%)

Procedure for Candidacy



All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting Park University in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by November 16, 2026.

Park University reasonably expects to pay within the range of \$310,000 - \$350,000, plus the opportunity to earn an additional annual performance-based bonus. Benefits include medical, dental, vision insurance, retirement, life insurance, and tuition remission. The university provides a newly renovated presidential residence.

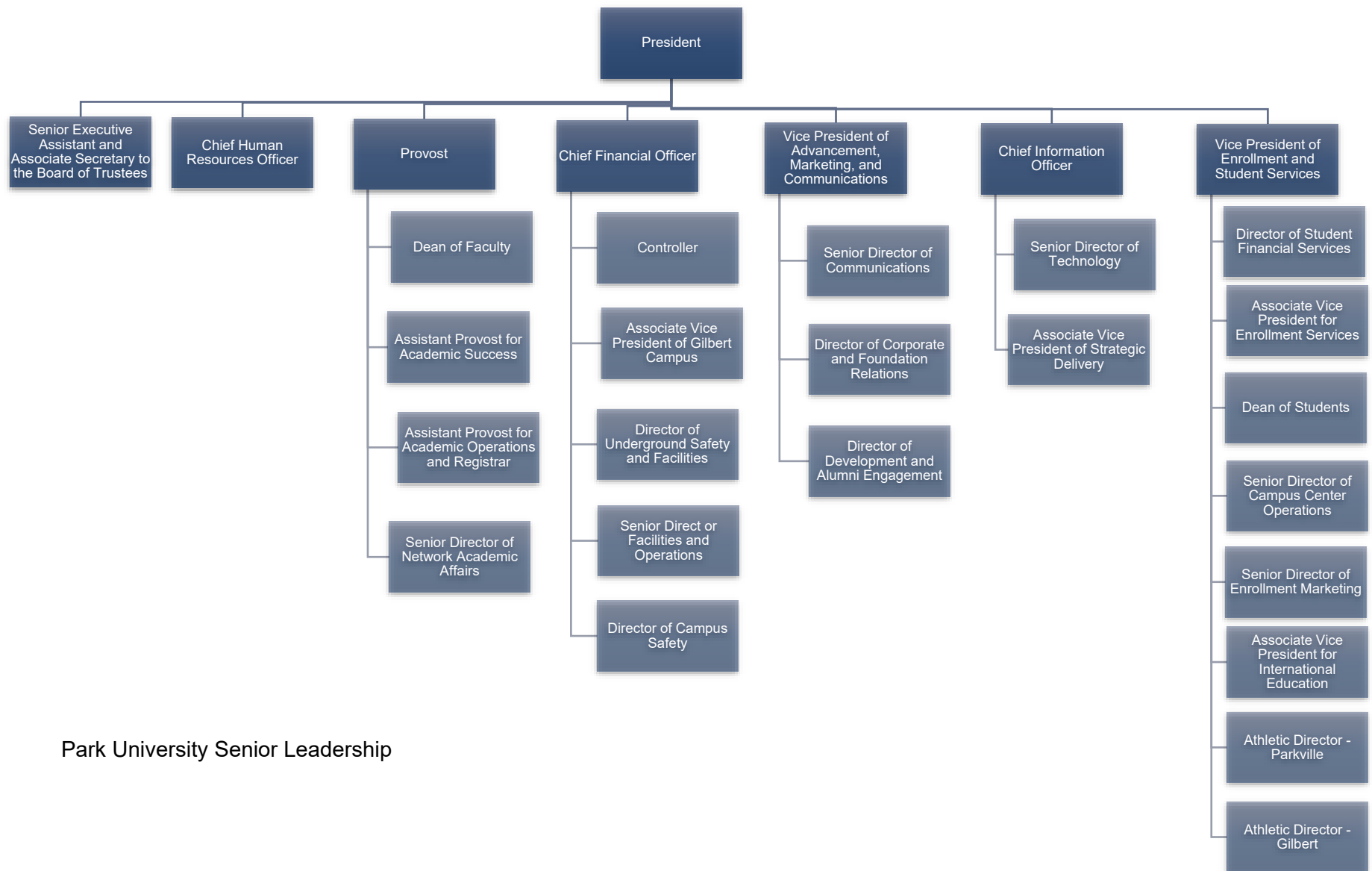
Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

Melody Rose, Ph.D., Alejandra Gillette-Teran, and Sarah Seavey

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The University will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, and veteran status.

The University will follow procedures to prohibit discrimination in accordance with applicable legal principles, including, but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.



Park University Senior Leadership