Dean of the School of Computing

The University of South Alabama (USA) invites applications for the position of Dean of the School of Computing. The School of Computing (SoC) was established in 1980 and offers undergraduate degree programs in computer science, information systems, information technology (all ABET-accredited), and health informatics; as well as a computer engineering specialization jointly administered with the College of Engineering. The School also offers a Master's of Science degree in Computer and Information Sciences and an interdisciplinary PhD in Computing. The SoC is focused on faculty that have a commitment to research, teaching excellence, and service to the community. The SoC houses the Center for Forensics, Information Technology, and Security (CFITS) which is dedicated to the collection and dissemination of information related to digital forensics and information technology assurance and security. The USA SoC is a designated National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity(NCAE-C) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This designation was first awarded in 2011 and re-awarded in 2022. Additionally, the USA Technology & Research Park is a major economic development initiative that brings USA resources and the technology business community together in a single location to expand educational and research opportunities, as well as offer fresh growth prospects for businesses focusing on information technology, engineering and biomedicine.

Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice President, the Dean will be responsible for the strategic, programmatic, and financial operations of the SoC. In collaboration with SoC faculty and staff, the Dean will shape the School's future and articulate and direct a compelling vision for the School that will inspire engagement, teaching excellence, and external financial support. The successful candidate will have an academic record meriting appointment as [full] professor and significant higher education administrative experience. The ideal candidate will have deep experience in at least one of the academic disciplines within the SoC and have demonstrated evidence of effective leadership in academic program administration. The successful candidate will also demonstrate a commitment to innovation, open communication, teamwork, interpersonal skills, fostering cultural diversity, and be strongly student- focused.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new Dean is selected, interested applicants are encouraged to submit their materials to our consulting firm at the address below by October 15, 2022, to ensure optimal consideration. Candidate materials should include a letter of interest and current CV. Please send materials to:

USA School of Computing Dean Search
William Funk & Associates 2911 Turtle Creek Boulevard - Suite 300
Dallas, Texas 75219

Email: krisha.creal@rwilliamfunk.com

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Role and Responsibility of the Dean

The Dean is the executive officer of the school and reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President. As the executive officer, the Dean provides leadership in setting the direction of the college/school. With input from appropriate constituency groups, the Dean is responsible for establishing a vision for the college/school, for creating a strategic plan and for evaluating the college/school's overall effectiveness in achieving the stated goals and objectives. The responsibilities of the Dean* include:

- Develop academic programs of the college/school compatible with the mission statement of the University;
- Evaluate and make recommendations for appointment, reappointment, promotion, tenure, dismissal, and salary of faculty members in consultation with appropriate Chairs, and departmental committees;
- Evaluate and make recommendations for appointment, reappointment, dismissal, and salary of departmental Chairs and Associate Deans in consultation with the Provost and Executive Vice President (except in the case of the College of Medicine) and departmental Chairs;
- Evaluate and make recommendations for appointment, reappointment, dismissal, and salary of college/school office personnel;
- Foster faculty development in teaching, research, and service;
- Assign academic and professional responsibilities to the faculty, and associate Deans;
- Appoint faculty to committees to assist in the developing of curricula and programs and policies pertaining to the academic affairs of the college/school;
- Recommend faculty appointments to the University committees;
- Maintain adequate personnel and financial records of the college/school;
- Conduct meetings for faculty and Chairs to ensure effective communications;
- Administer and supervise the academic programs, departments, policies, and regulations of the college/school;
- Develop and supervise the academic (and clinical) schedules of the programs of the college/ school;
- Coordinate college/school programs with other colleges and divisions of the University;
- Maintain academic standards and enforce policies and procedures of the University, the college/ school, and the departments;
- Establish the criteria for eligibility of students to enter and graduate from the programs of the college/school;
- Certify completion of degree requirements by candidates for graduation;
- Approve the credits offered by students in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the respective programs administered by the college/school;
- Provide leadership in all matters relative to the accreditation/reaccreditation of college/school programs;
- Prepare, recommend, and administer the budgets of the college/school;
- Assign space, facilities, and equipment resources allocated to the college/school
- Recommend and oversee college/school facilities alterations, remodeling, and new construction;
- Review all publications originating within the college/school;
- Promote the image of the college/school and University through public relations and service activities;
- Perform such other duties and functions as deemed to be in the best interest of the college and University;
- Perform such other duties and functions as assigned by the Provost and Executive Vice President.

*University of South Alabama Faculty Handbook (August 2022)
https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/academicaffairs/resources/faculty-handbook.pdf

School of Computing Website
https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/soc/