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Bowie State University Announces New Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Weldon Jackson, Ph.D. will Assume Responsibilities on July 8, 2012



(Bowie, Md.) – Weldon Jackson, Ph.D. has been selected as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bowie State University and will begin serving in that capacity on July 8, 2012. Currently Special Assistant to the President at Morehouse College, Dr. Jackson has more than 27 years of experience in higher education administration.

Dr. Jackson has an extensive background in leadership of the academic enterprise, having served as the chief academic officer at both Morehouse and Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. He was responsible for advancements in the academic and research programs of both institutions and developed numerous initiatives to support student and faculty development. Deeply passionate about student success, he designed the student success center at Morehouse College and expanded the use of technology in the teaching and learning process, at Manhattan College.

“I am very pleased to have Dr. Jackson assume this critical leadership position as part of my Bowie State University team,” said President Mickey L. Burnim. “He brings with him a wealth of experience, character and commitment to help us move Bowie State University to the next level of excellence.”

As Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at BSU, Dr. Jackson will provide direct oversight to the University’s academic programs. BSU offers 23 undergraduate majors, 19 master’s programs, two doctoral programs and 12 certificate programs organized into the Colleges of Business, Arts and Sciences, Professional Studies, and Education, and the Graduate School. BSU enrolls 5,600 students including 4,400 undergraduate and over 1,200 graduate students.



“I am enormously excited to join the Bowie family,” said Dr. Jackson. “Bowie State University is an impressive institution with a record of achievement that is well recognized. It is a special privilege to join Dr. Mickey Burnim’s exceptional senior leadership team and the outstanding Bowie faculty and staff to continue our pursuit of ‘world-class pre-eminence’ in higher education.”

Dr. Jackson earned his doctorate in government from Harvard University and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Morehouse College. Early in his career, Dr. Jackson taught at Wellesley College. He and his wife Lorraine have three children.

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