Overview

Ball State University will be joining with other colleges and universities in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) to participate in the Academic Leadership Program (ALDP). The mission of the MAC ALDP is to identify, develop, prepare and advance faculty as academic leaders in the Mid-American Conference universities. The program provides an opportunity for Ball State University faculty to gain valuable knowledge and experience in academic leadership by working closely with select administrators from other colleges and universities in the MAC.

Up to three outstanding individuals will be selected each year to serve as BSU ALDP Fellows under the mentorship of the Assistant Provost (MAC-ALDP Liaison). The program has two components:

1.) a university-level development program led by the Assistant Provost for the selected BSU fellows, and

2.) participation in two, 3-day MAC-wide workshops for all program participants that will be held on one of the MAC campuses. These workshops address topics such as conflict resolution, budgeting, accreditation, accountability, and other campus leadership topics.

The goal of this program is to expose faculty who are interested in administration to the challenges and rewards of institutional service and to prepare them for potential leadership positions within the academy. Whether or not a Fellow ultimately chooses to pursue an administrative position in the future, the program will, at a minimum, provide them with a better appreciation for, and understanding of, how universities operate.

Fellowship Year

Each fall semester, the Fellow will have the opportunity to meet with the other BSU Fellows and the Assistant Provost to discuss relevant professional literature and to plan a leadership portfolio to be completed during the fellowship year. In addition, all Fellows are required to attend the two MAC ALDP Workshops that will be scheduled during the fall (November) and spring (February) of their fellowship year. These workshops are hosted by MAC institutions and will follow a format designed to maximize interaction among the Fellows. Case studies, group discussions and other group activities will be incorporated into the Workshops.

Questions regarding the Academic Leadership Development Program should be directed to:

Thalia M. Mulvihill, Ph.D., Acting Assistant Provost, Professor of Higher Education & Social Foundations, tmulvihi@bsu.edu

Selection Process

Academic Deans, Associate Deans, and Department Chairs are invited to nominate one individual for an ADLP Fellowship. To be eligible, a nominee must be a tenured faculty member and have a growing record of campus leadership. Nominees are expected to possess strong leadership capacities as well as an
outstanding record of achievement in their current and past positions, along with an expressed interest in administrative service.

The nomination must take the form of a letter no more than two pages in length that describes the leadership qualities of the nominee and elaborates upon their contributions to the academic department, unit/division, or university at-large. Each nomination should be accompanied by an application completed by the nominee (see the application below).

**The nominating letter and application should be sent (via email) to:**

Thalia M. Mulvihill, Ph.D., Acting Assistant Provost, Professor of Higher Education & Social Foundations, tmulvihi@bsu.edu

**The application deadline is: Monday, March 11, 2019 by 5:00pm**

Decisions will be announced in mid-May.
2019-2020
MAC-Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP)
Fellows Application Form

Name:
Rank:
Number of Years at BSU
Current Position:
Department/Division:
Campus Address:
Office Phone:
Email:

History of Service

University Service:

Professional service:

Other:

Cover Letter

With this application, please include a cover letter that sets forth your interest in being a Fellow and your aspirations for future administrative service. You should also discuss what you hope to gain from the MAC-ALDP, including how you expect it to contribute to your career objectives.

Curriculum Vita

Please attach a current copy of your comprehensive curriculum vita to this application.