

DSU President Appoints Dr. Teresa Hardee as VP of Finance

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DSU President Harry L. Williams announced today that he has appointed Dr. Teresa Hardee as the University's new vice president of finance.

In her DSU post, Dr. Hardee will oversee and manage the day-to-day fiscal operations of the University, including budget, payroll, accounting, accounts payable/receivable, purchasing, contracting, fiscal planning, banking, investment reporting, procurement, cash management, housekeeping, maintenance, deferred maintenance and facilities.

Dr. Hardee will report directly to the DSU president and work closely with Amir Mohammadi, executive vice president and University treasurer. Mr. Mohammadi, who now works as part of the Office of the President, is responsible for the oversight of enterprise risk management, institutional research planning and analysis, academic and international program fiscal planning, human resources, information technology and other areas.

Dr. Hardee arrives at DSU after serving the last five years as the chief financial officer and vice president for Administrative and Financial Services at Florida A&M University.

Prior to that, Dr. Hardee served as the assistant vice chancellor for budgets and financial planning from 2003 to 2007 and as the director of internal audit from 2002 to 2003, both at North Carolina Central University. She also held a succession of posts for the state of North Carolina as an investment accounting manager for the Department of State Treasurer (North Carolina), as a state auditor and as an advanced state management analyst from 1996 to 2002.

Dr. Williams said Dr. Hardee is a "first-rate talent" and he is "delighted" to have her as part of the DSU leadership team.

"This is an exciting opportunity to have someone with Dr. Teresa Hardee's experience working with our finance staff," Dr. Williams said. "She has been a state auditor, university auditor and served as a CFO at Florida A&M, where she oversaw a budget of over \$492 million. She has done it all."

Mr. Mohammadi, who served as the chair of the search committee, said with the University embarking on the construction of a new optics research facility, moving toward the future establishment of a new Wilmington area satellite site and continuing its ongoing energy saving upgrades on campus, this was a critical appointment.

"As a seasoned finance professional, Dr. Hardee will hit the ground running on day one," said Mr. Mohammadi. "There is nothing that we have going on at DSU that she hasn't encountered in her depth of financial experience."

Dr. Hardee's first day in the finance leadership post will be on Oct. 1.

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