# Associate Dean Position Description Sample

### Broad guiding principles to follow

- Advocate for and support faculty efforts to perform in all roles (research, teaching, service)
- Be transparent, for example in what decisions are made, how they are made, and why
- Guide distribution of resources across areas so distribution is equitable
- Become knowledgeable about individual and area needs and capabilities
- Help faculty and areas have reasonable autonomy over their policies, procedures, and funds
- Be receptive to faculty input and use that input to continually improve

#### Job Summary

The Associate Dean of a college assists the Dean in the maintenance and enhancement of academic quality, including the development and reporting of initiatives of a school to support licensure and accreditation. The Associate Dean will hold a twelve-month limited term appointment in the Dean's Office while maintaining a concurrent tenured faculty assignment in a home area. The Associate Dean will work with program areas and other units to ensure the delivery of high-quality academic programs and initiatives. The Associate Dean will also work with area coordinators to support appropriate faculty recruitment, deployment, evaluation, and development initiatives to ensure faculty success and a high-quality student learning experience.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

## Leadership and Service

#### Leadership & Service

- Represent the school/college at various university events, standard campus administrative meetings, and other functions that the dean is unable to attend
- Work collaboratively with other administrators on campus
- Has primary responsibility for the College in any absence of the dean, including signature authority
- Represent the Dean of the college in various internal and external governing and service committees, councils, and other bodies supporting the college mission

#### Personnel

 Manage Staffing Plan with input from Area Coordinators, faculty, and staff

	<ul> <li>Provide leadership and guidance to program areas on hiring practices, search and screen policies, tenure renewal guidelines, and any related personnel matters</li> <li>Performance Management tasks         <ul> <li>Promotion, Tenure, and Renewal processes</li> <li>Conduct new faculty/staff orientations</li> <li>Coordinate and support faculty development and recognition processes</li> <li>Coordinate and support program area coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Operations	<ul> <li>development and recognition process</li> <li>Understands the purposes and supports the academic programs of each of the school's areas; understand how they work together and separately and how they relate to the college's accreditation compliances, strategic plan, and mission statement</li> <li>Oversee all contracts, MOUs, articulation agreements, affiliation agreements as well as the processes related to each within the college</li> <li>Provide support for policy needs within the context of shared governance</li> <li>Support the College Dean in analyzing annual/biennial budget appropriations and their respective impact on the college and schools, program areas in relation to college strategic goals and planning</li> <li>Provide oversight of student concerns, student complaints, and student appeals processes</li> <li>Support the Dean in maintaining relationships with donors and potential donors in collaboration with the UW Foundation and Advancement</li> <li>Coordinate and oversee the college scholarship process</li> <li>Plan, develop, implement, and review educational programs to support high quality academic programs</li> <li>Advocate for the faculty, program areas, and school in the college, university and community.</li> <li>Serve as liaison between the school, college, university, and affiliating agencies.</li> </ul>
Support Dean as Required	Other  Other projects and duties as assigned
KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITIES	
Required Knowledge, Skills, Abilities	<ul> <li>Currently hold a terminal degree in an academic field within the college and hold tenure and minimum rank of associate professor in the college</li> <li>Experience in, understanding of and an appreciation for shared governance, particularly at an administrative level</li> </ul>

Must have a background of working experience in one of the fields within the college Experience in both candidate and institutional program assessment/review and reporting Experience in accreditation Preferred Commitment to support teaching, learning, and student success; Knowledge, Capability to assume a leadership role in support of the school and Skills, Abilities college mission and the ability to contribute to the development and implementation of new initiatives and directions in support of the mission; Demonstrated commitment to support and enhance diversity and the cultural and global awareness of students, faculty, and staff Demonstrated capability to engage in and support faculty research, scholarship, and creative activities as disciplinary contributions and as key elements of the learning environment for students • A collaborative, inclusive, and collegial leadership style Skills, experience, and perspective to encourage and maintain high academic standards and administer academic regulations Ability to represent the school and college effectively within and outside of the University Excellent analytical, oral and written communication skills. Experience and understanding of the role of graduate education in schools and colleges Experience and interest in program and curricular development both at the theoretical and implementation stages • Experience in developing and operating collaborative initiatives and/or partnerships Administrative experience in higher education