

President

Middle Tennessee State University

The President is chief executive officer of Middle Tennessee State University and reports to the Tennessee Board of Regents through the Chancellor. The President provides dynamic, innovative, and energetic leadership with vision and integrity to further the mission of the University. The President promotes the efficient operation of the University and administers it in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Tennessee Board of Regents and state and federal laws applicable to an institution of higher education.

Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate from an accredited institution (required)
- A minimum of five years significant and successful financial, strategic planning, and policy-making administrative experience at a level with responsibilities affecting an entire campus or as head of a major academic or administrative unit in an academic environment (required)
- A distinguished record of teaching and research experience in a university environment
- An understanding of and commitment to the principles of academic freedom, tenure, and shared governance
- A demonstrated commitment to serving students
- A demonstrated commitment to affirmative action, equal opportunity, diversity, as well as an awareness of and commitment to the Consent Decree in Geier v Bredesen, the statewide higher education desegregation lawsuit
- Demonstrated strength in human relations, planning and organizational skills to lead and inspire internal and external constituencies of the University
- An understanding of the needs and concerns of the public and private constituencies of the University, as well as of the University community, including students, faculty and staff, alumni and other University supporters
- An understanding of and commitment to private fundraising
- An understanding of and commitment to the role of Middle Tennessee State University as a part of a higher education system
- A demonstrated understanding of and ability to communicate effectively with the governing board; local, state and national political leaders; business community; news media; etc.
- A commitment to policies and directives of the Tennessee Board of Regents

Duties:*

- Serve as the executive head of the institution and of all its departments
- Promote the efficient operation of the institution
- Operate and manage the institution and execute the directives of the Board and the Chancellor
- Submit reports to the Board at its regular meetings and meet with the Board on such occasions
- Serve as the official medium of communication between the faculty and the Chancellor, and between the council, senate, assembly, or any such body, either of the faculty or of the students, and the Chancellor
- Recommend annually to the Board of Regents, through the Chancellor, the creation or continuance of positions of faculty and other employees of the institution
- Recommend or make appointments of personnel and, within budgetary limitations, to fix their salaries, and to recommend or approve promotions, transfers, leaves of absence, and removal of personnel, pursuant to the requirements of policies and procedures established by the Board, and subject to such prior approval or confirmation of the Board or the Chancellor as may be required by the Board
- Make an annual report to the Board, through the Chancellor, of the work and condition of the institution under his or her control.

*as noted in TBR Policies and Procedures, Policy No. 1:03:02:00