Dean

The Dean is the chief academic and administrative leader of the school and works collaboratively with faculty, students and staff to advance the School’s mission. The major responsibilities of the Dean are to: 1) work in a shared capacity with the faculty, staff, university colleagues, and alumni to leverage and expand the School of Dentistry’s core strengths in research, education, and patient care; 2) work closely with the provost, deans across the campus, and other university entities to develop innovative collaborations and synergistically address academic concerns; 3) provide strong operational leadership, direction, innovation, and cultivation of key school functions (academic affairs, research, clinical service, administration and planning, communications, student and faculty recruitment, financial management, diversity and inclusion initiatives, alumni and community outreach, and fundraising and institutional advancement); 4) develop and improve infrastructure and strategically invest resources; and 5) seek opportunities for growth and drive successful implementation of initiatives.

Direct reports include: Associate Deans; Director of Budget and Finance; Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Development; Chief of Staff; and Department Chairs.
Major Responsibilities

• Work collaboratively with the faculty, staff, and university colleagues to leverage and expand the School of Dentistry’s core strengths in research, in the training of the next generation of dentists, and patient care; seek opportunities for growth; gain buy-in and support for initiatives; and drive successful implementation.

• Work closely with the provost, deans across the campus, and other university entities to develop innovative collaborations and synergistically address academic concerns.

• Provide strong operational leadership and direction to the following key functions:
  o Academic affairs
  o Research
  o Clinical service
  o Administration and planning
  o Communications
  o Student and faculty recruitment
  o Financial management
  o Alumni and community outreach
  o Fundraising and institutional advancement, and
  o Diversity and inclusion initiatives

• Foster and support innovative research in ways that will advance science, dentistry and overall health.

• Foster and support clinical dentistry leading to continued clinical excellence

• Provide strong support to the educational mandate of the School, ensuring that the faculty, staff, students and the curriculum are of the highest quality, and thus continues to attract the best and the brightest and train the leaders of the future.

• Develop and improve infrastructure and strategically invest resources.

• Build diversity and multi-culturalism within the faculty, staff, and student populations.

• Take an active interest in interacting with and cultivating valued relationships with key external stakeholders: alumni, donors, government, industry and community leaders.