

New Faculty Orientation

Middle Tennessee State University
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Welcome!

- Hiring and supporting new faculty is key to the health of the University.
- New faculty and the University are investing in each other.
- MTSU is a great place to work.



What is a Provost?

One definition: The keeper of a prison



Yet another definition....

All-powerful ruler.....



A Better Definition



Leader of the academic mission



Work with deans, chairs, faculty, staff to provide high-quality academic programs



A service job!



What is at the top of my agenda?

- Student retention, progression, and graduation
- Supporting faculty
- Moving our academic program forward
- Enrollment
- Strategic, efficient use of resources



Key Initiatives

- Enrollment management
- Managing faculty lines, other resources
- True Blue Core implementation
- Quest 2025
- SACSCOC reaffirmation



The Provost's Office

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- www.mtsu.edu/provost/about.php
- Questions? Call Allison McGoffin at x 2953



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Faculty Roles & Responsibilities

- Teaching
- Research, Creative Activity
- Service

Primary goal: ***student success***



Quest for Student Success 2025



Middle Tennessee State University will graduate students who are prepared to thrive professionally, committed to critical inquiry and life-long learning, and engaged as civically, globally responsible citizens.

QUEST 2025



Google “MTSU Quest 2025”



What Last Year's New Faculty Wish They Had Known

- Don't underestimate prep time.
- Get to know D2L, Faculty Success.
- Start tracking your accomplishments immediately.
- Seek out resources for training, development.
- Make time for professional development, workshops.
- Build your networks.



Fall Faculty Meeting

- State of the University
- Welcome, introduction of new faculty
- Faculty awards, recognition
- Lunch!
- Thursday, 8/24
10 AM
Tucker Theatre



Convocation

- Author of *Life Is In the Transitions*, Bruce Feiler
- Attend in person or watch on True Blue TV
- Welcoming students to campus
- True Blue Pledge
- Saturday, 8/26, 2 PM
Murphy Center



In conclusion....

- Need help? Ask.
- Get involved!
- Professional development
- Call on us anytime!



Remember!

- Our office exists to help faculty and students.
- We focus on faculty and student success.
- We have an open-door policy.

GOOD LUCK!

