Oklahoma Panhandle State University is a baccalaureate degree granting institution located in the center of Texas County, Oklahoma. In the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Texas County is the 27th largest agriculture revenue-producing county in the United States and has great growth potential. General governance of the institution is in the hands of the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges. Academic programs and financial support are authorized and coordinated through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The University serves an enrollment of approximately 1,300 students per semester and offers 24 bachelor programs, 6 associate degree programs, and 4 certificate programs. Oklahoma Panhandle State University provides interactive learning opportunities. Selective programs are offered via web-based and distance learning. The University is organized into five academic schools: Agriculture; Business and Technology; Education; Liberal Arts; and Science, Mathematics and Nursing, with the University College as a support program for all five academic schools.

The mission of Oklahoma Panhandle State University is to provide higher education primarily for people of the Oklahoma Panhandle and surrounding areas through academic programs, cultural enrichment, lifelong learning experiences, and public service activities. The educational experiences are designed to enrich the personal lives of students and to prepare them for roles in agriculture, business, technology, education, science, government, and industry.

The President is expected to

- have a history of demonstrating ethical and professional behavior;

- provide the vision and leadership needed to ensure that the University anticipates the needs and diversity of the area and responds quickly and effectively to meet those;

- work with a wide range of internal and external constituencies to develop and address priorities and strategic objectives which are consistent with the mission, role and scope of the University;

- develop and maintain an administrative structure and policy making process that establishes clear and workable policies ensuring the efficient, effective and responsible use of available human, financial and physical resources;

- represent the University effectively to the general public, business and government leaders, the A&M Board of Regents, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

- take an active role in the development of state, federal, and private funding needed to establish and maintain excellence in instruction;

- play an interactive and visible role in the activities of the University, seeking and effectively utilizing input from faculty, staff, students, and alumni on critical issues facing the University;

- maintain a structural framework which ensures the preservation of academic freedom and its processes.