



## **VP of Academic Affairs Candidates**

### **Rachel Anderson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rachel Anderson was most recently the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon. At Treasure Valley Community College, Dr. Anderson was responsible for being the chief academic officer responsible for the oversight of all academic programming, budget, and assessment for instruction. She led internal and external program review, institutional effectiveness processes, accreditation and other assessment activities within the instructional areas. Among other responsibilities, she assisted in the coordination of student retention efforts and enrollment management in accordance to Treasure Valley Community College's strategic plan. Prior to her position at Treasure Valley Community College, she served as the Dean of Academic Affairs at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California. Dr. Anderson holds her Ph.D. in Biological Anthropology from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, and a master of arts in anthropology from California State University in Sacramento, California.

### **Rita Kratky, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rita Kratky serves as the Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Miles Community College in Miles City, Montana. As the Dean, Dr. Kratky is leading the college in developing credit and non-credit workforce training programs and supervises multiple federal and state grants related to workforce training while growing continuing education and community outreach programs that fit the needs of the Miles City community. Prior to Miles Community College, Dr. Kratky held the Interim Dean position at City College (Montana State University-Billings) in Billings, Montana where she provided academic leadership and led City College in its offerings with TAACCCT III/SWAMMEI workforce development, dual and concurrent courses, and outreach to local businesses and schools. Dr. Kratky earned her Ph.D. in Community College Leadership and Master of Arts in Interior Design from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

### **Steve Luft**

Steve Luft has worked as the Associate Dean and Assistant Dean at Montana Tech College of Technology in Butte, Montana. During his time at Montana Tech, Mr. Luft was responsible for providing leadership in developing, implementing, monitoring and assessing academic programs for efficiency and effectiveness for students. He also worked with community and industry leaders to identify workforce development, short-term training, and continuing education opportunities. Prior to his roles as Associate Dean and Assistant Dean at Montana Tech, he was a Department Head at Montana Tech who provided leadership for nine academic programs. Mr. Luft has his Master of Science in Technical Communication from Montana Tech of The University of Montana in Butte, Montana and is near completion of his Doctor in Education, Adult and Higher Education emphasis, from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana.

**Scott R. Mickelsen, Ph.D.**

Dr. Scott R. Mickelsen is the current Associate Dean at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska where he is responsible for assessment, working with high schools to foster relations, evaluate faculty and staff, and oversee the academic programs that include Veterinarian Technician, Agriculture Business, Agriculture Production, Horticulture, and General Education. He is involved with developing and updating policy and is a member of the Dean's Council and chair of Academic Council and the Assessment Committee. Dr. Mickelsen serves as a liaison with state and national companies to help expand college-wide courses and programming. He has also worked as the Dean of Agriculture and Community Services and the Assistant Dean for Learning at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wisconsin. Dr. Mickelsen earned his Doctor of Philosophy with an emphasis in Agriculture Education and Master of Science with an emphasis in Agriculture Systems Technology and Education from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.