**Description Summary**
Positions assigned to this class are responsible for ensuring academic preeminence by guiding academic planning efforts, promoting academic initiatives, recruiting and retaining a diverse and outstanding faculty, allocating resources among the deans, and formulating academic policies. Serves as the senior Vice President and represents the President during his/her absence.

**Examples of Suitable Qualifications**
An earned terminal degree in an appropriate field. National or international distinction as a scholar, researcher and educator with a scholarly and teaching record appropriate for appointment as a full professor. Experience in building, enhancing and sustaining excellent academic programs. Understanding of the academic, organizational, and financial issues facing a complex research institution. Commitment and demonstrated ability to attract, motivate, and retain a diverse and outstanding faculty and staff.