Quincy University Board Appoints Dr. Brian McGee as President Dec. 10, 2018



Dr. Brian McGee, Quincy University's new president.

The <u>Quincy University</u> Board of Trustees announced the appointment of <u>Dr. Brian McGee</u> as the university's 24th president Dec. 10. McGee, who will begin work July 1, 2019, is currently serving as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. McGee will succeed Phil Conover, who has been serving as president since May 2017.

"This is truly an exciting day for Quincy University and our region. The board of trustees is confident that Dr. McGee is the best choice to continue the outstanding work of President Conover in moving the University towards long-term sustainability," said Del Mitchell, chair of the Quincy University Board of Trustees. McGee was chosen from a field of 67 candidates for president's position, according to a university news release.

"I am honored and thrilled to have been chosen as the next president of Quincy University, and I am humbled by the confidence the Quincy University Board of Trustees has placed in me. Joining QU and the Quincy community will be the greatest privilege of my career," said McGee.

Under McGee's leadership, the College of Charleston has created 15 new academic programs, has expanded support services for at-risk students and developed new programs for active-duty military personnel and military veterans. Most recently he helped to create a community college program that provides more students the opportunity to transfer to the College of Charleston. Charleston also has launched a Transfer Resource Center to simplify and streamline the transfer student process.

Before he was provost, McGee worked as Charleston's chief of staff and senior vice president of executive administration, and as a tenured professor and chair of Charleston's department of communication, one of its largest academic units. Prior to joining the College of Charleston, McGee was the chair of the School of Communication at Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky. He also worked at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe (now University of Louisiana Monroe).

McGee holds a B.S. and M.S. in speech communication from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and a Ph.D. in communication from The Ohio State University, Columbus.