Park Selects Dr. Charles Kater as Associate Vice President for Distance Learning

Parkville, Mo.—Jan. 4, 2012 — Park University has announced the appointment of Charles Kater, Ph.D., as associate vice president for distance learning. Kater began his duties Jan. 3.

Kater will be responsible for providing leadership and strategic planning for Park Distance Learning, which houses all of Park’s distance learning operations, including its campus centers outside the Kansas City area and online. He will supervise a large staff and guide their efforts in helping Park stay on the cutting edge of online education, education for adult learners and education for military personnel.

Kater joins Park after previously working as director of technical programs and curriculum for the Kansas Board of Regents since 2010. Prior stints include as vice president for workforce development at Northwest Arkansas Community College (2009-10), service to Bellevue University in Nebraska as dean of the College of Professional Studies and vice president of community college outreach and director of satellite campus operations (2004-08), associate dean of professional and online studies at Southwestern College in Kansas (2002-03) and director of educational technology at Hill’s Pet Nutrition Inc. in Topeka, Kan. (1991-2002).

“Dr. Kater brings a wealth of higher education and business experience,” said Jerry Jorgensen, Ph.D., Park provost and vice president of academic affairs. “He is a great fit and asset for Park University.”

Kater, who lives in Kansas City, Mo., earned his doctorate in technical education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He completed his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in technical education at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University and associate’s degree in general education from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College.