



**MATT LEE**  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST  
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

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Matt Lee is the interim executive vice president & provost at LSU, a position he has held since his appointment by President William Tate in July of 2021. Lee received an associate's degree from Dutchess Community College in 1992, and a bachelor's degree in sociology and philosophy from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 1994. He received his master's degree and PhD in sociology from LSU in 1996 and 1999 respectively. In addition, he attended the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard University in 2012.

Lee began his career as a tenure-track faculty member at Mississippi State University. After 5 years of service he was subsequently recruited back to LSU and later promoted to full professor in the sociology department in 2008. A criminologist and public health scholar with expertise in homicide and interpersonal violence, community resilience and community public health patterns, Lee has published more than 60 peer-reviewed scholarly papers and has dozens of other publications. His funding portfolio includes an NSF CAREER award and serving as the institutional lead on the \$9 million dollar multi-institutional Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities project funded by the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative. He is the recipient of several research recognitions and has been inducted into several scholarly honors societies.

Prior to joining the Office of Academic Affairs in 2015, Lee served as senior associate vice president in the Office of Research and Economic Development. In this role, Lee managed a diverse collection of research centers and compliance units. In addition, he served in a leadership capacity on statewide task forces responsible for resolving crucial issues in the state of Louisiana. During his tenure as vice provost, many of the academic support units reporting up to Lee broke university achievement records and received national distinction. The Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes achieved a graduation success rate of 90% in 2017, received the Model of Excellence designation by *University Business Magazine* in 2016, and received the Model Practices Award from the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals (N4A) in 2019 and 2021. The Center for Academic Success was designated a Center of Excellence by the National College Learning Center Association in 2015 and again in 2019. Through the Center for Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership, LSU was honored with the 2015 Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Similarly, the Communication Across the Curriculum program received the Delphi Award in 2020 for their innovative work on faculty development.

### **THE ROLE OF THE LSU EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST**

The Executive Vice President and Provost (EVPP) reports directly to the LSU President, and is the chief operating officer and chief academic officer for the LSU A&M campus. The EVPP oversees all instructional, student support, enrollment management, and research at the flagship institution. In addition, the EVPP acts as the chief administrative officer in the absence of the President, and works in tandem with the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO to prepare and monitor the operating budget.

The EVPP also has responsibilities to support and facilitate the academic enterprise at all of the campuses, especially as the primary interface with the LSU Board of Supervisors and other regulatory bodies. The responsibilities of the EVPP include the articulation of an academic vision, leadership in academic strategic planning, and the development and administration of academic budgets. In addition, the EVPP provides academic guidance for the capital campaign.