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**UAA selects Gingerich as head of academics**

Today UAA named Samuel Gingerich to its top academic administrative position. He brings more than 30 years of higher education experience to his new role as UAA’s provost.

In this job, Gingerich will shape UAA’s academic priorities, working closely with academic deans, department heads and faculty to provide high quality educational programs. Gingerich has served as UAA’s interim provost since January.

“Sam’s leadership experience in higher education will greatly benefit UAA as we move through this year’s financial challenges, which are similar to those he’s seen in Lower 48 universities,” said Tom Case, UAA chancellor.

Most recently Gingerich worked as South Dakota University System’s vice president for academic affairs. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from Montana State University and worked as a professor and researcher prior to his various senior leadership appointments.

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