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Regional Chancellor Karen A. White has named D. Kent Kelso, PhD, as Regional Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Kelso will begin June 4.

White said, "Dr. Kelso is a highly regarded leader in Student Affairs whose achievements in campus engagement parallel our vision for our institution. His successes in planning and constructing student centers are of particular interest to us as we look to the achievement of our campus Master Plan."

Kelso said he looks forward to collaborating with his new colleagues to engage students in learning, creating a more vibrant campus life, and building a shared vision for USF St Petersburg.

Kelso said, "Student programs help to build an active life on campus and, more importantly, they are also out-of-classroom opportunities to learn. A healthy and more dynamic campus life and community produces graduates who are ready to become engaged, responsible leaders and citizens."

Since 2000, Kelso has served as the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students at Northern Kentucky University. Previously he held leadership positions in university housing operations in Kansas, Wyoming, Texas and Indiana before becoming Dean at NKU.

As Assistant Vice President and Dean, Kelso leads a large student development operation including the offices of Student Life, University Housing, Campus Recreation, Union Operations, Health/Counseling and Prevention Services, Orientation and Parent Programs, Student Media, African American Student Affairs, Latino Student Affairs, Testing & Disability Services and was the primary advisor for Student Government Association. Within the Dean of Student's Office, he was responsible for Judicial Services, Ombudsmen Services and budget and personnel management.

Kelso earned two undergraduate degrees from Northwest Missouri State University in History and Secondary Education, a Masters degree in History from Pittsburg State University and a PhD in Educational Administration and Leadership from Indiana State University.

Steve Neilson, acting regional vice chancellor for Student Affairs, will conclude his interim appointment at the beginning of June. Neilson served USF St. Petersburg this academic year while on sabbatical from Rollins College.

White commended Neilson for leading the campus through new dimensions of student engagement this year. "Mr. Neilson has shepherded us through the evolutionary process of beginning to build a living learning environment. We’ve almost completed our first year of being a residential campus. This development includes growing student life, both for our university and for our community as a whole."

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