

## Top Priority: Students

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When Tulane University needed to find a new vice president of student affairs and dean of students, the search ended up right where it started ? with 18-year faculty member and alumnus Michael Hogg, whose experience with teaching, students and administration make him a natural fit for the job.



"I'm excited about this opportunity," says Michael Hogg, an award-winning teacher who is the new vice president of student affairs and dean of students. (Photo by Guillermo Cabrera-Rojo)

A gifted teacher, attorney, administrator and holder of four Tulane degrees, Hogg had been overseeing [student affairs](#) on an interim basis, and a universitywide search process ended with Hogg as the permanent choice.

He couldn't be happier. "I can't imagine a better job: to work with students to solve a problem that concerns them."

His office in the Lavin-Bernick Center on the uptown campus is directly across from the A. B. Freeman School of Business, where Hogg has served as clinical professor of

business administration, teaching business ethics, business law, insurance and risk management and the business legal environment. He has earned the Freeman School's top teaching honor, the Howard W. Wissner Award, eight times.

But his Tulane career hasn't just been in the classroom ? Hogg also has served as associate dean in the Freeman School and associate provost.

His new position will require Hogg to draw on all those skills. The Division of Student Affairs brings together all student life experiences, including residence halls, recreation, the structure for 300 student organizations, Greek Life, student governance, student conduct, psychological counseling and disability services, orientation and parent programs.

"We're the Office of Student Affairs, and we serve students," Hogg said. "I want to make sure we do exactly that ? help students to be successful in their careers at Tulane."

At summer orientation in June, Hogg handed out his business card to parents, including his cell phone number. "I told them, 'We're really trying at Tulane to make sure your needs are addressed, but if you have concerns, call me.' Some have already taken me up on that. I can't promise they'll always get the answer they want, but we will work to resolve their issues."