

Tim Hudson Tip Toes into ASU Chancellorship

FORMER USM PROVOST ON THE MOVE ONCE AGAIN

Texas Tech University [vice chancellor](#) Tim Hudson, the former provost and long-time professor at USM, was barely [in that](#) post for six months when, on 2-Mar-2012, [he was named](#) as the new chancellor of Arkansas State University. According to the ASU System press release, Hudson is **thrilled to be taking over the top spot on the Jonesboro campus** – “It is both humbling and thrilling to be named the next chancellor of Arkansas State University -- humbling because I know the committee and the entire ASU family was engaged in this process and thrilling because [I feel like](#) I have been given the opportunity of a lifetime to work at the very sort of institution I love, in such an attractive community. I look forward to being part of a dynamic leadership team that will move ASU to the next level, one characterized by innovative research conducted by a world class faculty that finds its way into the canons of global knowledge, into the classroom, and into real-world solutions.”



ASU System president Charles Welch introduces Hudson to the ASU family.

Hudson [is set](#) to begin this [next phase](#) in his [academic career](#) on 1-May-2012. On that date, Hudson’s three-year contract with ASU will commence, and [he will begin](#) earning \$275,000 per year. Hudson’s selection by ASU System president Charles Welch also validates the 28-Feb-2012 prediction made by Roy Ockert, the editor emeritus of *The Jonesboro Sun* who wrote that Hudson would get the nod. As Ockert stated, [certain advantages](#), one of which relates to the issue of fairness, gave Hudson the advantage over two other finalists. Other issues of impropriety were raised by an anonymous visitor – “Curious in Arkansas” – to the message board administered by the USM chapter of the AAUP. This [poster indicated that](#) Welch added Hudson’s name to the short list of finalists “at the last minute,” raising questions of cronyism. Finally, and as expected, [news of Hudson's appointment](#) reached media in Lubbock, TX, only minutes after the announcement was made in Arkansas. Only time will tell how Hudson’s brief stint at TTU will play with the Lubbock community.