Chris Miller was named interim vice president within the Division of Student Affairs in October 2019. He assumed the position upon the retirement of Almeda Jacks after more than 40 years of service to Clemson. Miller is in his fourth year as dean of students in 2019–20 and will continue to serve in that capacity while taking on interim vice president duties.

Miller previously was associate vice president charged with overseeing the offices of Dean of Students, Advocacy and Success, the Center for Career and Professional Development, Community and Ethical Standards, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Military and Veteran Engagement, and Student Transitions and Family Programs.

Miller came to Clemson with a distinguished background in higher education. From 2008 to 2015, he served as vice president for Student Affairs at Marquette University, a private institution in Milwaukee, Wis., with a combined enrollment of over 15,000.

At Marquette, Miller was in charge of a $47 million Student Affairs budget and helped spearhead a number of initiatives for various areas, from administration to development to diversity.

Miller worked at the University of Illinois at Springfield from 2002-2008. Following a year as an associate vice chancellor and dean of students, he was named vice chancellor within the Division of Student Affairs. His time at Springfield included supervision of more than 25 departments and areas.

He spent time at Arizona State University and South Dakota State University from 1997-2002. In Tempe, Miller was an assistant dean within the Office of Student Life, serving a university population of over 60,000. In Sioux Falls, he was an associate dean and oversaw seven departments within the Division of Student Affairs.

Miller earned bachelor’s degrees in political science and history from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He earned master’s and doctorate degrees from Arizona State University. He also earned a juris doctorate from Campbell University.

Miller has taken full advantage of his educational pedigree, serving as an adjunct professor at each of his institutions, including Clemson. Miller has also belonged to and is currently serving on a number of professional and academic boards, committees and organizations.