

## Feechi Hall

---

**From:** Ramon Stuart  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2021 4:20 PM  
**Subject:** Spivey Hall, Next Steps...

CLAYTON STATE  
UNIVERSITY

FROM THE DESK OF *President T. Ramon Stuart*

Dear Laker Nation:

After 17 seasons at Spivey Hall, Sam Dixon's final curtain call as executive and artistic director is upon us as he retires July 31, 2021. I would like to thank Sam for all his hard work and dedication over the years bringing world-renowned musicians to campus, for developing programming that inspired a passion for music in generations of youths and for cultivating a community of musical enthusiasts in south metro Atlanta.

While we look for someone to build on the solid foundation laid by Sam, I asked Dr. Terrence Johnson to serve as interim executive and artistic director of Spivey Hall. Terrence, a staunch supporter of Spivey Hall, is currently the department chair for visual and performing arts.

He is a life member of the American Choral Directors Association, he has served as National Chair for Music in Worship and is currently National Chair for Lifelong Singing. From 2001-2005, Terrence was a conductor in New York and has given numerous well-received performances in Carnegie Hall. He has also conducted in the Sydney Opera House, the Vienna Konzerthaus, and in numerous sacred venues in Rome and Florence.

Dr. Joe Johnson, interim assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of foreign languages, will chair a search committee of Clayton State University staff, faculty, and community members with the goal of conducting a national search to identify the right person to lead this significant area of our university by the start of the 2022 calendar year.

Search committee members include:

- E. Joe Johnson, Search Committee Chair, Interim Assistant Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Foreign Languages
- Jeff Adams, Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation Secretary and Treasurer
- Melanie Darby, Education Manager for Spivey Hall
- Shelley McGehee, Vice Chair of the Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation
- Chase Moore, Vice President for University Advancement & External Affairs
- Terrence Johnson, Interim Executive and Artistic Director, Department Chair for Visual and Performing Arts
- Latoya Nelson, Associate Accounting Director
- Richard "Rick" Tigner, Walter and Emilie Spivey Foundation Trustee
- TBD, USG Arts Presenter

I want to thank the search committee in advance for their willingness to help identify the best candidate to build upon the strong foundation that Sam set for Spivey Hall, its children's choir, and its numerous choral and instrumental workshops.

Best wishes,

T. Ramon Stuart, Ph.D.  
President  
Clayton State University  
2000 Clayton State Boulevard  
Morrow, Georgia 30260  
(678) 466-4300 – Office

