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Sharon van Wyk, PhD, Joins American Public University System as Chief Operations Officer

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CHARLES TOWN, W.Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 4, 2009-- [American Public University System](#) (APUS) – an online university system that serves more than 50,000 working adults worldwide – has announced Sharon van Wyk, PhD, as Chief Operations Officer. In this role, she will be responsible for leading the university's efforts in student services, human resources and information technology.

"I am pleased that Dr. van Wyk has joined our team as Chief Operations Officer," said Wallace E. Boston, Jr., President of American Public University System. "She will be a proven asset to us as our organization grows and we continue to fulfill our mission to expand access to affordable, online higher education."

Dr. van Wyk recently served as the Vice President of Process Excellence, Infrastructure & Online Customer Support at *Intuit*, a leading international provider of business and financial management solutions, with \$3.1 billion in revenue.

Prior to her role at *Intuit*, Dr. van Wyk served as Vice President of Process Excellence and New Market Development for the Employee Benefits Group of *GE Financial*, as well as other leadership positions within *GE Capital*. She was a founding member of the change management practice at *Accenture*, the first and largest of the "Big 6" change management practices. She was also an adjunct professor for the Executive MBA program at the *University of Connecticut Business School*.

In addition to wide-ranging leadership experience, Dr. van Wyk possesses several process improvement certifications, including Master Black Belt, Certified Six Sigma Instructor. She has experience launching Lean, Agile and Scrum.

"I believe our university community will greatly benefit from her knowledge and experience, especially as we continue offer our degree programs to increasing numbers of students," added Mr. Boston.

Dr. van Wyk holds a PhD and an MS in Instructional Systems from Florida State University. She received

a B.S. in Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

About American Public University System

American Public University System includes [American Public University](#) and [American Military University](#) and educates more than 50,000 adult learners worldwide. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. A university book grant supplies textbooks at no cost for eligible undergraduate students.

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