



Alison Morrison-Shetlar, Ph.D.

Alison Morrison-Shetlar is interim chancellor at Western Carolina University. In that capacity, Dr. Morrison-Shetlar serves as chief executive officer for the university and oversees all major divisions of the university including academic affairs, administration and finance, student affairs, external affairs, advancement, athletics, information technology, and legal affairs. She most recently served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs (2014-2017) and is a professor of Biology at Western Carolina University. As provost, she oversaw the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Allied Professions, Fine and Performing Arts, Health and Human Sciences, and the College of Engineering and Technology, the Honors College, Hunter Library, and the Graduate School and Research. In addition, she

provided oversight for undergraduate, studies, student success, international programs and services, educational outreach, Biltmore Park instructional site, faculty affairs, and institutional planning and effectiveness.

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar has more than 33 years of experience working in higher education at eight institutions in three countries, in both public and private universities. She served as dean of the college of Arts and Sciences at Elon University from 2010-2014, was vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Central Florida (2002-2010) and served as director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching as a faculty member at Georgia Southern University (1995-2002).

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar has been awarded over \$4.5 million in external grant funding for research on topics ranging from laboratory-based examinations of the molecular, biochemical and physiological aspects of cell membrane transport systems to pedagogical investigation of large classrooms, effective use of technology, living learning communities in STEM and student engagement, retention and graduation.

A native of Scotland, Dr. Morrison-Shetlar also served as founding chair of the molecular biology unit at the Max Planck Institute in Dortmund, Germany, and taught at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany; Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.; Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.; and the Kennedy Institute for Rheumatology in London.

Dr. Morrison-Shetlar holds a doctorate in biomedical science from Dundee College of Technology, where she also earned her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. She earned a management and leadership in higher education certificate from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University, and attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Education Leadership Academy (ELA) and the HERS program at Bryn Mawr.