

**Mark Nook**  
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Mark Nook's collaborative leadership style helped to foster a renewed sense of collegiality and collaboration on campus when he became acting chancellor following the resignation of Linda Bunnell in 2009. He had served as provost and vice chancellor at UWSP for two years prior to his acting appointment. He held the interim post for about one year before Bernie Patterson was chosen as UWSP's 14<sup>th</sup> chancellor.

A physics and astronomy professor, Nook had previously served as a department chair and dean of undergraduate studies at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He also was director of the university's observatory and planetarium for 14 years.

As acting chancellor at UWSP, Nook moved forward with a campus master plan and oversaw revisions of the general education requirements for students. He also helped to support programs tied to UW-System's Growth Agenda such as the Wisconsin Institute of Sustainable Technology and a four-year business degree program in Wausau.

Nook, who left UWSP for an interim administrative position at UW-System in 2011, holds a Ph.D. in astronomy from UW-Madison and an undergraduate degree from Southwest Minnesota State University.