Max Kerlin, Budget Director, comes to USF St. Petersburg with 27 years of experience in academic budgeting and financial management. He held positions at Purdue University in Indiana, Miami University in Ohio, and the University of New Mexico. Max was looking for a change. He became attracted to USF St. Petersburg because it is a small, growing institution. As its first Budget Director, he discovered his choice proved to be filled with interesting and unique opportunities to help develop a newly burgeoning campus into becoming a rare breed among institutions of higher education.

He describes USF St. Petersburg as an institution that creates an intimate campus with a research orientation. This unique perspective can be viewed as a "little gem" in the field of university profiles. With the proper "polishing," this little gem has a brilliant future.

Max's goal is to help sustain the special characteristics of the campus. As Budget Director, he feels his office serves the campus in support of the total mission. His focus is to take the centralized budget management style of the past to a more decentralized and more participative budget management level. With a broad smile on his face, it is clear that he really enjoys his job as he views the Dali Museum, the marina, park, and Poynter Institute from his office window.

Mission

USF St. Petersburg offers distinctive graduate and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education within a close-knit, student-centered learning community that welcomes individuals from the region, state, nation and world. We conduct wide-ranging, collaborative research to meet society’s needs and engage in service projects and partnerships to enhance the university and community’s social, economic and intellectual life. As an integral and complementary part of a multi-campus university, USF St. Petersburg retains a separate identity and mission while contributing to and benefiting from the associations, cooperation and shared resources of a premier national research university.

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