

Dr. Marc Skinner currently serves as chair of the Department of Communication at Brigham Young University-Idaho, one of the university's largest academic programs currently serving 1,500 majors and 330 minors. The department is seeing explosive growth, particularly through innovative online offerings with more than 2,200 students from around the world currently enrolled in online communication courses.

From 2015-2018 Skinner served as executive officer for the University of Idaho's Idaho Falls Center. He provided vision and leadership to increase visibility and influence for the university in Southeast Idaho, including strengthening community relationships, providing outreach to business and other entities, and continued collaboration with the Idaho National Laboratory. During his leadership student enrollment at the Idaho Falls Center increased by more than 30% and the number of research grant proposals and related funded proposals increased by more than 50%. Grants awarded by the Idaho Department of Labor and Department of Commerce (IGEM) led to unique research and innovative academic programming that directly impacted the economy of the region. Skinner led the collaborative writing and adoption of the memorandum of agreement for joint admissions and joint enrollment between the University of Idaho and the College of Eastern Idaho (the first of its kind in Idaho).

From 2008-2015 Skinner served as a faculty member, associate dean of Inter-disciplinary Studies, and director of Inter-University Relations at Brigham Young University-Idaho. He provided administrative leadership for cooperative partnerships with universities and collaborations with outside entities. He created and implemented dozens of innovative agreements with partner institutions designed to provide expedited access to students as they pursue their educational goals. He also led the growing interdisciplinary efforts on the BYU-Idaho campus.

Skinner served for nine years (1999-2008) as assistant director of the School of Journalism and Mass Media (formerly the School of Communication) at the University of Idaho. He also served for several years as assistant director of development for the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences. Skinner earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Idaho. His dissertation, *The Image of the University of Idaho: A Qualitative Exploration of the Perceptions of Southeastern Idaho Opinion Leaders and the Effectual Influence upon the Choices of Prospective University Students*, led to a rich understanding of the critical issue of perception, student choice, and the challenges the university faces in Southeast Idaho.

A native of northern Idaho, Skinner grew up in Moscow, Idaho. His wife, Alisa Limburg Skinner, is from Pullman, Washington. Both graduates of the University of Idaho, Marc and Alisa are parents of five children. Together they enjoy the beautiful outdoors, college basketball, Lake Coeur d'Alene and anything involving their family, especially their four grandchildren.