Deans’ Institute

A Virtual Experience — Tuesday, September 14, 2021 — 12:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. EST

12:00–12:05 p.m.
Welcome and Introduction to the day
Paula O’Loughlin, ACAD Board Past Chair and Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Coe College

12:05–1:00 p.m.
Opening Plenary: How an Introvert Invited Herself to the Party and Became Chancellor
Michelle Behr, Formerly Chancellor, University of Minnesota Morris
How does a one-time faculty member inadvertently create a second-phase career as a senior university leader? Why would anyone want to do so? What makes for success and how does one recognize it? And what can be learned from not-so-successful undertakings? Perspectives, insights, and lessons learned will be shared in reflecting on a long career in higher education leadership.
Michelle Behr served as the sixth chancellor of the University of Minnesota Morris from 2017-2021. She previously served as Provost, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dean of the College at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, AL. Prior to her role as provost she was a faculty member, department chair, university assessment coordinator, and college dean at public institutions of higher education in Illinois, New Mexico, and Colorado.

1:05–2:00 p.m.
Round tables I: reports, recommendations, and new directions in higher education (see back)
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2:00–2:30 p.m.
Session Break

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3:30–4:30 p.m.
Closing Plenary Panel Discussion: Diversity in Leadership: Lessons Learned, Challenges Accepted
Alanka Brown, President, Miami Dade College Padron Campus; Kendrick Brown, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Morehouse College; Pareena Lawrence, Senior Fellow, Yale University and Yale-NUS
ACAD brings together a panel of BIPOC and other academic leaders who have risen through the ranks of higher education. Panelists will share their journeys—lessons learned and challenges accepted—with registrants on how they navigated the pipeline to leadership. Panelists will share what to do, and what not to do, when following this path and ideas on how to diversify the administrative pipeline. Key take-aways will be shared with registrants.

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Roundtable topics and facilitators include:

Data and Analytics: Applying Business Models in Higher Education
*Peter Skoner*, Dean of the School of STEAM, Saint Francis University

What Now? An Early Assessment of 2020's Impact on Instruction
*Del Doughty*, Dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Survive and Advance Through the Administrative Job Search
*Brian Madison Jones*, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Citadel

Struggle and Success in the Administrative Job Search
*Maria Garriga*, Professor of Spanish, Thomas More University

So, What am I Supposed to be Doing Now?: Decision and Vision for Academic Administrators
*Theodore O. Mason, Jr.*, Senior Advisor to the President, Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Kenyon College

Managing-up
*Kyle Dell*, Interim Academic Dean, Guilford College

Developing and Implementing Programs to Mentor and Engage Faculty: Challenges and Opportunities
*Andra Basu*, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

The Best (and Worst) of Academic Program Prioritization
*Brian Peterson*, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Faculty Development, Central College

Navigating Decision Fatigue Together
*Eric Boynton*, Provost and Dean of the College, Beloit College

Shining the Light on Invisible Labor
*Jamila Bookwal*, Dean of the Faculty, Lafayette College

DEI Work: Avenues and Allies
*Precie Schroyer*, Associate Dean Monroe Campus, Northampton Community College-Monroe Campus

What Could be Next in Your Career
*Verna Fitzsimmons*, Retired

Finding the Virtue in the Virtual: Liberal Arts in the New Online Environment
*Elizabeth Kubek*, Associate Provost and Academic Dean, Gustavus Adolphus College

Strategic Approaches to Program Elimination
*Jamie Frueh*, Associate Provost, Bridgewater College

Collaborating with Colleagues Across the Institution
*Christine Dehne*, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, Manhattanville College

Mentoring Your Staff
*Ann Vendrely*, VP for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, Goshen College