

ACADEMIC LEADERS FORUM WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 15, 2023



FACILITATOR | AARON PROFITT — VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL & COLLEGE
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Overview: The role of the Chief Academic Officer is critical in carrying out institutional mission. Join colleagues from other ABHE institutions to learn how to better carry out your leadership responsibilities.

7:00 – 8:00 Forum Buffet Breakfast — Regency Foyer | **Sponsored by Campus**

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome & Introductions

8:15 – 9:30 SESSION 1 — LEADING LEADERS

Presenter: Gina Cox | Executive Vice President, Highlands College (AL)

Overview: In order to successfully carry out the academic enterprise of the institution, the CAO must lead through leaders.

- ▶ What are some best practices in building a functional leadership team?
- ▶ What does the CAO do when he/she senses the team is not firing on all cylinders?
- ▶ How does the CAO create a healthy environment conducive to academic flourishing?

9:30 – 10:15 Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer | **Sponsored by Blackbaud**

10:15 – 11:45 SESSION 2 — LEADING INNOVATION

Presenter: Darren Campbell | CEO, Campus (IN)

Overview: The academy is often averse to change and innovation. The lag continues to increase between what ministry and industry needs vs. what our colleges can produce.

- ▶ How can the CAO experiment while also meeting current academic demands?
- ▶ What can the CAO learn from cycles of innovation in the tech industry?
- ▶ How can the CAO build momentum in creating a culture of change and innovation?

11:45 – 12:00 A word from our Sponsor — **Campus**

12:00 – 1:00 Buffet Lunch — Regency Foyer

1:00 – 2:15 SESSION 3 — ENGAGING FACULTY IN DECISION MAKING

Presenter: Jim Lanpher | Provost, Columbia International University (SC)

Overview: Shared governance and decision making among faculty are fundamental tenants in higher education.

- ▶ How can the CAO foster a culture that supports faculty engagement in decision making?
- ▶ What are some proven strategies that allow for shared governance without slowing down decision making and implementation?
- ▶ How can the CAO design and execute meaningful faculty meetings that encourage maximum participation?

2:15 – 3:00 Refreshment Break — Regency Foyer | **Sponsored by Alliance Defending Freedom**

3:00 – 4:15 SESSION 4 — THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF THE CAO

Presenter: Bill Higley | Vice President for Academic, Clarks Summit University (PA)

Overview: Of paramount importance for the CAO is his/her spiritual leadership over the academic community.

- ▶ What is the value of being tuned into the spiritual climate of the academic community?
- ▶ What are ways the CAO can stay spiritually sharp while leading the academic enterprise?
- ▶ How can the CAO come alongside and lead his/her team spiritually?

4:15 – 4:30 Wrap Up

6:00 – 8:30 CONNECTIONS DINNER — Ballroom B/C/D | **Sponsored by Weave and In His Name HR**

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