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Some of the most meaningful aspects of serving as your institution's chief academic officer are the complexity of the job, the significance of the decisions you make, and the depth of wisdom required to serve well. It's not for the faint of heart but a great opportunity for personal and professional growth. Hear from the journey of these distinguished academic leaders how they thread this needle for legacy academic leadership.

DAY 1 THURSDAY | OCTOBER 31, 2024

9:00 – 9:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS — PHILIP DEARBORN, PRESIDENT | ABHE

9:15 – 10:00 SESSION 1: PRACTICING DISCERNMENT

PRESENTER: MATTHEW HALL, PROVOST | BIOLA UNIVERSITY (CA)

OVERVIEW: Hundreds of decisions cross your desk in any given academic year. Some of the decisions are relatively simple while others are layered and complex. Practicing biblical discernment in decision making is grounded in seeking wisdom from God.

- ▶ Understand biblical principles that underpin discernment
- ▶ Review a process through which you can triage decisions from simple to complex
- ▶ Learn how to engage your leadership team in effective decision making

10:00 – 10:30 Q & A DISCUSSION

10:30 – 10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45 – 11:30 SESSION 2: WHEN THE POOL BECOMES A PUDDLE: RECRUITING MISSION FIT FACULTY

PRESENTER: ADAM PORCELLA, PROVOST | CAIRN UNIVERSITY (PA)

OVERVIEW: Hiring mission-fit faculty is the most important responsibility you carry as the chief academic officer. Whether you're hiring full-time, part-time, or adjunct faculty this is a task you must get right.

- ▶ Understand why seeking mission-fit hires is so important
- ▶ Learn strategies to gauge mission-fit with prospective faculty
- ▶ Discover the importance of on-going mission-fit assessments with existing faculty

11:30 – 12:00 Q & A DISCUSSION

12:00 – 12:15 A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR — CAMPUS — ERIC CURRIE

12:15 – 1:00 LUNCH — CATERED AT THE ABHE DINING ROOM

1:00 – 1:45 SESSION 3: CULTIVATING AN ACADEMIC ECOSYSTEM

PRESENTER: TRICIA WILSON, PROVOST

LANCASTER BIBLE COLLEGE | CAPITAL SEMINARY & GRADUATE SCHOOL (PA)

OVERVIEW: Regardless of size, every institution has an academic ecosystem that is very much alive! Its organic nature requires the chief academic officer to tend it with intentionality and care.

- ▶ Learn the fundamental elements of the academic ecosystem
- ▶ Consider internal and external threats that challenge the academic ecosystem
- ▶ Learn to manage the tension between organizational efficiencies and demonstrating care

1:45 – 2:15 Q & A DISCUSSION

2:15 – 2:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK



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DAY 1 CONT'D

2:30 – 3:15 SESSION 4: DELEGATION: TRUST, ALIGNMENT, AND TEAM EMPOWERMENT

PRESENTER: MEGHAN GRIFFIN, PROVOST | SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (FL)

OVERVIEW: Delegation is a critical domain of leadership, especially leaders managing high levels of volume and complexity in their work. How does a leader determine what, when, and how to delegate responsibility? Models, challenges, and best practices for delegation will be explored.

- ▶ Understand how to segregate responsibility that can be delegated vs. responsibility that must stay with you
- ▶ Discover how to achieve accountability from those to whom you delegate without micromanaging
- ▶ Reconsider delegation strategies within your role and context

3:15 – 3:45 Q & A DISCUSSION

3:45 – 4:00 WRAP-UP

4:00 A WORD FROM OUR DINNER SPONSOR — SHERI POPP EDUCATION CONSULTING — SHERI POPP

5:00 DINNER OFF-SITE

DAY 2 FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 1, 2024

9:00 – 9:15 INSIGHTS FROM THE WORD — DAVID MEDDERS

9:15 – 10:00 SESSION 5: DEVELOPING SPIRITUAL HABITS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

PRESENTER: EVAN POSEY, PROVOST | LUTHER RICE COLLEGE & SEMINARY (GA)

OVERVIEW: Your academic leadership effectiveness and capacity is directly correlated to the spiritual habits you practice. Job stresses will quickly reveal the depth of your spiritual maturity.

- ▶ Learn the importance of establishing and prioritizing your spiritual life
- ▶ Understand how the practice of spiritual habits connect to job effectiveness and satisfaction
- ▶ Consider specific spiritual habits that you can use to enhance your leadership

10:00 – 10:30 Q & A DISCUSSION

10:30 – 10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45 – 11:30 SESSION 6: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

OVERVIEW: Discuss the most pressing academic issues you are facing with both the panel of presenters and attendee affinity groups. Create a draft of your *Personal Action Plan* based on the most significant and urgent issues you should address following the conference.

11:30 – 12:00 Q & A DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP

12:00 – 1:00 CLOSING LUNCH



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