Academic Leadership: A Conversation about Challenges and Opportunities

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Continental Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m.
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E.W. Lehman Ballroom, hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn Street, Iowa City

Description

There was a time when being a noted scholar and luminary in one’s field, or an exceptional teacher, was the primary qualification needed to be an academic leader. The problems and challenges one encountered as a leader were well bounded, and often quite easily addressed within the comfortable siloes of one’s disciplinary area of expertise.

How dramatically this well-ordered world has changed, and along with it, the knowledge and skill-set required for leadership effectiveness. Being accomplished in one’s own area—academic discipline or technical area—continues to be important as a foundation, but increasingly this knowledge and skill-set, in and of itself, is insufficient for addressing the broad array of technical, financial, organizational and human challenges that confront higher education leaders at all levels. One needs the knowledge, vision and competencies necessary to adapt to a rapidly changing environment; to work effectively across functional silos; to meaningfully engage and motivate individuals with diverse cultural, disciplinary and occupational backgrounds; and to understand and communicate effectively with a variety of constituencies who often have conflicting interests and expectations. What concepts, competencies, tools, and programs can be helpful in addressing the many challenges confronting academic leaders? How can a college or university help current and aspiring leaders to identify and acquire the needed knowledge and skill set necessary to enhance their effectiveness, as well as the satisfaction associated with these roles? The session will consider these issues and explore their relevance for leaders at the University of Iowa.

Registration: Registration is requested by October 1, 2017. Please register here: AY17-18 DEO Professional Development Programs.
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