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Professional Experience

Florida Atlantic University – Boca Raton, FL

1991 - Current

Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, Administrative Affairs (August 2022-present)

The Vice President, Administrative Affairs role was updated to reflect the new title of Chief Operating Officer (COO). This role includes the responsibilities of the CAO but includes other functions including real estate development and university chief strategist focused on university initiatives and priorities.

Vice President, Administrative Affairs and Chief Administrative Office (2012-8/2022)

The Vice President, Administrative Affairs and Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of university operations across 6 campuses including; University Public Safety and Police, Environmental Health & Safety, Facilities Management (Design & Construction, Space Utilization, Physical Plant, and Engineering & Utilities), Emergency Management, Business and Auxiliary Services, the Division's Office of Strategic Initiatives, Human Resources, Board of Trustees Liaison and Operations, University Ombudsman, Presidential Events and House Operations, Public Affairs (2013-2014), and administrative oversight of the Office of the Inspector General and University Compliance Office. The Division is comprised of ~ 250 FAU employees and ~650 contracted employees.

Recent significant achievements:

- Led the Executive Policy Group (EPG) and the university generally in developing an operational response to COVID-19.
 - Presented plans and COVID updates to numerous internal/external entities (i.e., Faculty Senate, Board of Trustees, Deans Council, Florida Board of Governors, media, chambers of commerce, city councils).
 - Serve as a member of the Palm Beach County and Broward County School Board Task Forces for reopening the K-12 school system.
 - Served as Co-Chair FAU COVID Fiscal Task Force to respond to the uncertainty related to the budget allocations and enrollment.
 - Served as the point of contact with Palm Beach County and the State of Florida Department of Emergency Management for the community testing center on the Boca Raton Campus. Additionally, this fiscal year we opened a rapid testing site. The sites conducted over 125,000 tests.
- Oversight of ~\$300 million in capital projects. This includes two energy or ESCO projects totaling ~\$18 million funded completely by guaranteed energy savings, two residential housing projects, an academic and athletic complex, a k-12 school, among others.
- Oversight over the development of a Global Travel Safety & Security policy and program. This program manages and monitors international travel from request to conclusion of travel to ensure the safe travel and return of university students, faculty, and staff, and the safety and security of university data and technology.
- Developed an office of Strategic Initiatives within the division. The Division is highly regulatory in nature. This office oversees; policy update and review, annual compliance activity, audit response, division-wide strategic planning to support the universities Race to Excellence strategic plan.
- Oversight over the university's ten-year master planning process for the Boca Raton and Jupiter campuses.

- Provided leadership to continually improve the public safety program including providing resources to; implement the use of body cameras, improved training exercises, and the implementation of a K-9 unit for bomb, gun, and drug detection. Worked closely with the Police Chief to transform the department into one that is in alignment with a community-based policing approach.
 - FAU Police department received accreditation from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administration (IACLEA) and the Commission on Florida Accreditation (CFA).
- Led the initiative to develop metric dashboards of the university's workforce. Metrics include real time data of employee turnover by unit, EEO data to support the annual submission of the Equity Report to the Board of Governors, data to assist in developing professional development of the workforce, and other applicable metrics designed to gain a better understanding of the recruitment, retention, and development of the university employees.
- Serve as the Chair of the Executive Policy Group (EPG), and arm of the Emergency Operations Team. Provide guidance during campus emergencies to the Executive Leadership Team including the President and Board Chair. Collaborate routinely with the Vice President, Public Affairs on university emergency or crisis matters.

Interim Vice President, Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer (July – November 2021)

Served in the interim role responsible for providing leadership and oversight over the division.

- Presented budget status presentations and university operational budgets to the Board of Trustees, FAU Faculty Senate Academic Budget and Planning Committee, and others by request.
- As Co-Chair of the Fiscal Task Force and with the other members, developed a budget spending and implementation plan for ~\$245 million. This included various forms of funding including federal HEERF dollars.

Interim Chief Inspector General – (2019-2021)

Served as the interim Inspector General developing annual audit workplans, reviewed audit reports and presented audit plans and reports to the Board of Trustees.

- Revamped the annual audit work plan approach to focus on those operational matters that could result in the greatest reputational and/or financial risk to the university. This assisted in putting resources on those matters that were of the highest risk.

Interim Vice President, Institutional Advancement (2014-2016)

Served as interim Vice President, Institutional Advancement responsible for the operational and personnel oversight of the division.

Assistant Vice President – Financial Affairs (2010-2012)

Responsible for the oversight of Business & Financial Auxiliary Services, Human Resources, and other Financial Affairs and CFO led initiatives.

Director (last role held in area) – Business & Financial Auxiliary Services – (1991-2010)

Responsible for the oversight of auxiliary business functions on a multi-campus environment including bookstore operations, retail food services, resident dining program, university owl card/id program, office supply program, copy services, mail services, and retail establishments.

- Negotiated an exclusive contract for food services which infused more than ~\$15 million

into the retail and resident dining program. This was transformation for the campus adding new dining locations, expansion(s) of the resident dining program, and inserting national brands.

- Grew the dining program from a \$3 million a year program to over \$20 million.
- Negotiated contracts that increased capital, commission, and scholarship dollars considerably. This includes bookstore, dining, copy services, pouring rights, and vending.
- Food Services Program received a Center of Excellence designation being one of twelve nationally.

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy Degree, Department of Educational Leadership & Research Methods, College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

- *Dissertation Title: Women University Presidents Who Break Through the Glass Ceiling: At What Price?*

Master of Higher Education Leadership, Florida Atlantic University

Bachelor of Arts, Communications, Florida Atlantic University

Committees, Special Projects, and Notable Achievements

University Space Committee – Chair

FAU Executive S.W.A.T. - member

President’s Annual Gala – Co-Chair

University Fiscal Task Force – Co-Chair

FAU Finance Corporation – Executive Director (*during tenure as Interim CFO*)

Council for Administrative and Financial Affairs, State University System of Florida - member

Palm Beach County School Board COVID Health Committee – member

Broward County Public School Board COVID Health Committee - member

Research Development Authority Maintenance Board – Board Member

Boca Raton Airport Authority Technical Advisory Committee - Member

Kappa Delta Pi – International Honor Society in Education

Alpha Alpha Alpha – Honor Society

VP Staff assigned to support the following FAU Board of Trustees Committees:

- Audit and Compliance
- Budget and Finance
- FAU Health
- FAU/UF Partnership
- FAU 100