Project CEOS EAC Bios

Joseph A. Alutto (Chair)
Executive Vice President and Provost

As The Ohio State University's chief academic officer, Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph A. Alutto is responsible for the administration, coordination, and development of all academic functions of the university. He held the John W. Berry Sr. Chair in Business in the Fisher College of Business, where he served as dean for the 16 years prior to his appointment as executive vice president and provost. A leading authority on managerial behavior, Dr. Alutto specializes in corporate performance, leadership, and Sino-U.S. joint venture activity.

Sharon Bird

Associate Professor of Sociology, Iowa State University

Professor Bird's teaching and research focus primarily on issues of inequality and paid labor. She is currently Co-PI and Research Director on ISU's ADVANCE Institutional Transformation project. ADVANCE is an NSF-funded project focused on the recruitment, retention and promotion of women in academic science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Her work on the project includes the implementation of a "collaborative transformation" (action) research model aimed at improving STEM workplace climate, building quantitative data sets from existing data sources, and data analysis and dissemination based on these data sets.
Carolyn Mahoney
President, Lincoln University

On February 1, 2005, Mahoney became the eighteenth president of Lincoln University of Missouri. At the June 2007 meeting of the American Association of University Professors, Lincoln University was recognized as Dr. Mahoney received the Ralph S. Brown Award for Shared Governance. In January 2010, President Mahoney was appointed to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Council of State Representatives and to the AASCU Presidential Advisory Committee Stewards of Place II Initiative. She was appointed to a two year term on the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Board of Directors and in February 2010, she will begin a two year term on the Executive Committee for the APLU Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence (CADE).

Farah Majidzadeh
CEO, Chairperson, Resource International Inc.

Farah B. Majidzadeh, CEO and Chairperson of Resource International (RI) Inc. has been at the helm of her firm since 1973, which she founded in her basement to market technology applications for the road building industry. Under her leadership, RI has grown to one of Ohio’s top 10 engineering, construction management, and technology firms with multi-Ohio and international offices serving building and infrastructure projects valued at more than $1 billion annually.
Majidzadeh has been recognized as the Ohio Order of Commodore for her commitment to international trade, as well as a top 10 Women Business Entrepreneurs of Ohio and a top 100 leaders for the New Millennium of Central Ohio. She has been recognized by Working Women Magazine and as a Bank One Entrepreneurial Excellence Award Finalist.

Sue Rosser

Provost, San Francisco State University

Rosser holds the second ranking leadership position at SF State, responsible for all aspects of the curriculum and academic program. Her portfolio includes the eight academic colleges, which offer 115 bachelor's degrees, 95 master's degrees, a doctoral program in education and joint doctorates with the University of California, Berkeley and University of California, San Francisco. Since July 1999, she has served as Dean of Ivan Allen College, the liberal arts college of Georgia Tech, where she holds the Ivan Allen Dean's Chair of Liberal Arts and Technology and is also Professor of History, Technology, and Society and Professor of Public Policy. From 1995-1999, she was Director for the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research and Professor of Anthropology at the University of Florida-Gainesville.