



Sheraton Seattle Hotel
Seattle, Washington
October 31 – November 3, 2012

Proposals are now being accepted for the 47th Annual Meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences

The CCAS Annual Meeting includes four days of panels, roundtables, case studies, keynote speeches, forums, workshops, and networking opportunities that cover a broad range of issues of interest to deans. The 2012 meeting will take place in the heart of downtown Seattle, just blocks from the historic Pike Place Market, the Seattle Art Museum, the Space Needle, and Experience Music Project.

Proposals are welcome on any topic of interest to the membership. Although not limited to these topics, consider ideas suggested by those attending last year's Annual Meeting:

- Working with others (faculty senates, VP's, provosts in transition; presidents)
- Budgets and funding (budget models; using data effectively; using external funding in programs)
- Deaning (first-year pitfalls; lessons from long-term deans; time management; collaborative skills; role in innovation on campus; bridging the divide with faculty; maintaining faculty morale in difficult times)
- Students (retention strategies, marketing, advising)
- Faculty (promoting scholarship in teaching and learning; performance review; academic freedom; workload across diverse disciplines)
- Curriculum (curricular redesign; program discontinuance with shared governance; assessment and program review; general education and assessment)

As always, please remember to honor our commitment to the arts and sciences across all institutional types by including diverse perspectives.

The annual meeting will follow the familiar format: concurrent panel sessions (1¼ hour in length), keynotes, commentary on legal issues, and a single block session for case studies. Participants in the 2011 annual meeting requested sessions with more opportunity for discussion, debate and critical reflection. Based on this feedback, we are adding up to six **Critical Issue Forums** (1¼ hour in length) to this year's meeting schedule.

The **Critical Issue Forums** recognize our need to come together to deliberate about the common problems we face as leaders in higher education. Many of our members are involved in interesting work that will influence the future of higher education. Many have innovative solutions to the issues we face. The forums allow us to share promising practices with colleagues, and engage in deliberation with other deans. Whether you are a new dean or one who has served for a number of years, we invite your involvement in the Forums.

Proposals for **Critical Issue Forums** need to focus on an issue of broad interest to the membership. The forum leader should propose a topic and a short description that frames some of the issues that arise in its consideration. Forum leaders are expected to serve as facilitators who after presenting a short overview of the overall issue or problem lead a discussion toward developing three or four broad approaches/solutions to the issue. Forum participants work through the issue by considering each approach; examining what appeals to them or concerns them, and also what the costs, consequences, and trade-offs may be that would be incurred in following that approach.

PROPOSALS FOR PANELS: Proposals for complete panels, to include **session title, panelist names and institutions**, and **session abstract**, are especially welcome, but we will consider all proposals. Please be sure that panel topics are sufficiently broad to allow more than one institution to be represented. We request that panels be limited to no more than three participants so that we have adequate time for discussion. Moderators for the panels will be identified by the Program Committee. The CCAS ListServes may be used to recruit participants; see instructions under www.ccas.net/Members Only. Feedback tells us that our members appreciate sessions that pursue discussion beyond "showcasing" and that enable members to brainstorm and deliberate as well as to apply and adapt best practices.

PROPOSALS FOR CRITICAL ISSUES FORUMS: Proposals for CIF need to include **session title, name of forum leader and institution**, and **session abstract introducing the issue**. Please be sure that issues and topics are sufficiently broad to be of interest to participants from more than one type of institution.

Submit your proposal on-line by April 13, 2012:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCAS-panelists>

On behalf of the Program Committee and Executive Board of CCAS, I thank you for your interest and energy in creating the program. I look forward to seeing you in Seattle.

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