



Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
November 6-9, 2013

Proposals are now being accepted for the 48th Annual Meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and 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 2013 meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, situated on a four-mile boardwalk along the St. Johns River. With nearby museums, concerts, beaches, and historic St. Augustine, this venue puts you in the center of Florida life.

Proposals are welcome on any topic of interest to the membership. While deans appreciate hearing about best practices and successful innovations, there is also room for sessions focusing on the intellectual and creative aspects of deaning.

Although not limited to these topics, consider ideas suggested by those attending last year's Annual Meeting:

- **Working with others** (faculty senates; VPs; provosts in transition; presidents; community partners);
- **Budgets and funding** (budget models; using data effectively; using external funding in programs; alternative revenue sources, including development);
- **Deaning** (first-year pitfalls; lessons from long-term deans; the deanship and scholarly life; time management; collaborative skills; role in innovation on campus; bridging the divide with faculty; maintaining faculty morale in difficult times);
- **Students** (recruitment and retention strategies overall and for diverse student populations [i.e. male students of color]; marketing; advising);
- **Faculty** (the expansion of the definition of scholarship [i.e. scholarship of teaching, scholarship of engagement]; performance reviews; academic freedom; workload across diverse disciplines; mentoring for all faculty ranks; faculty union issues; contingent faculty issues); and
- **Curriculum** (curricular redesign; program discontinuance with shared governance; assessment and program review; general education and assessment; experiential learning).

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

In 2012, we piloted six **Critical Issues Forums** (CIFs). Attendees feedback indicates that these forums were very successful; consequently the 2013 program will include up to six CIFs. The CIFs recognize our need to come together to deliberate about the common problems we face as leaders in higher education. Many of our members 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 organizer should propose a topic and a short description that frames some of the issues that will arise in its consideration. The session itself, in addition to the presider (normally the forum organizer), should include a facilitator, who, after presenting a short overview of the overall issue or problem, will 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 considering what the costs, consequences, and trade-offs may be that would be incurred in following that approach. Readings related to the forum will be posted on the CCAS website, prior to the meeting.

All panels and CIFs are 1¼ hour in length. Follow these instructions to submit proposals:

Proposals for Panels: Proposals for complete panels will include **organizer; session title; panelist names, emails, and institutions;** and **session abstract.** Please be sure that panel topics are sufficiently broad to allow more than one institution to be represented. Panels must 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 CIFs need to include **session title, name of forum organizer and institution,** and **session abstract introducing the issue.** Again, 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 online by March 29, 2013:

<http://uncc.surveyshare.com/s/AQAQ9RB>

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 Jacksonville.

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