



## Summer 2021 Newsletter

### Summer greetings!

As we get ready to embark on the new academic year, the Board wishes you and your family health and safety. The unprecedented crisis in the past 18 months has certainly tested our individual resolve in our respective leadership roles, CCADP members, however, demonstrated both courage and wisdom in confronting the challenges and turned them into opportunities. Collectively, much can be celebrated yet more works are ahead of us if we are to make CCADP a more impactful organization. Provided below are updates since our Spring Newsletter. The Board looks forward to hearing from you and working with you! Please send future news items to CCADP President Phil He (n.he@northeastern.edu) and our Media Specialist Val Joseph (vjoseph5@suffolk.edu).

### 1) 2021 CCADP Summer Leadership Academy Pilot Successfully Launched

The CCADP Summer Leadership Academy is designed to add another key component to the organization's year-round programming that currently includes the CCADP Distinguished Speaker Series and the CCADP Annual Forum. A pilot program was successfully launched in virtual format this summer that included two sessions.

On June 3, twenty-five members attended Session I led by CCADP President-Elect Dean Hanchen Huang as the moderator and Deans Mei Wei, Amy Zeng, and Ming Li as the panelists. Insightful and engaging group discussions were focused on the following: 1) how to become a dean's search semifinalist/finalist; 2) how to get an offer, and 3) how to become an effective dean. The Session I internal group discussion set the stage for Session II with external perspectives from search firm consultants.

On June 7, Session II, a workshop titled "The Path to Deanship | Isaacson Miller Insights" was offered by senior partners (Kate Barry, David Bellshaw, Sean Farrell, Lindsay Gold, Cati Mitchell-Crossley, and John Muckle) of Isaacson, Miller, a premier search firm in the country. As seasoned higher ed leadership search consultants, IM colleagues shared their wisdom on topics such as 1) writing an effective CV and cover letter; 2) interviewing and reaching the offer stage; 3) questions to ask; and 4) successfully onboarding. Eighteen members participated in this event. Video recording of Session II can be accessed here: [The Path to Deanship](#).



*Photo: The Path to Deanship Session*

*Grateful acknowledgment is made to all speakers, panelists, and participants for your valuable contributions. Please send any feedback about this year's pilot and/or any suggestions for future CCADP Summer Leadership Academy to any member of the Board. Thank you!*

## **2) Fall 2021 CCADP Forum (Oct. 29 - Oct. 31, Boston, MA)**

### **Update:**

Local planning committee that includes Phil He and Helen Zhang from Northeastern University, and Amy Zeng and Val Joseph from Suffolk University has held multiple planning meetings since the late spring. A tentative forum agenda was created and the Save-the-Dates communication was sent to all members on July 23, 2021. However, after recent consultation with CCADP Board of Directors in light of COVID related safety concerns and travel restrictions this fall, the planning committee has been tasked to consider a virtual meeting as an alternative. Final decision and notification to membership about the Forum will be communicated in September. Your understanding and patience are much appreciated.



## **3) CCADP Website Redesign/Update:**

Our media specialist Val Joseph has worked closely with Phil He and the Board to redesign and update our website in the past months. We expect to share the updated site with the membership in the early fall for additional feedback. We are optimistic that you will like the modern look and layers of added features/functionalities.



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#### 4) New Appointments/Membership News:

Our warmest congratulations to President Huang, Chancellor Li, and Provost & Vice President Qu who assumed their new leadership roles this year.



Dr. Guiyou Huang, President of Western Illinois University (January 1, 2021)



Dr. Joanne (Jo) Li, Chancellor, the University of Nebraska at Omaha (July 1, 2021).



Stevens Institute of Technology Names Dr. Jianmin Qu as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Please also join us in welcoming our newest members (and thanks to the current members who introduced them to our organization):

Dr. Shengli Fu, Chair, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of North Texas

Dr. Qiaode Ge, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Stony Brook University

Dr. Lin Li, Department Head, Department of Civil & Architectural Engineering, Tennessee State University

Dr. Xiaoqing "Frank" Liu, Dean, College of Engineering, Southern Illinois University

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Associate Dean for Research, Ying Wu College of Computing, New Jersey Institution of Technology

Dr. Xun Yu, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, New York Institute of Technology

Dr. Xiaoqing "Frank" Liu, Dean and Professor, College of Engineering, Computing, Technology, and Mathematics, Southern Illinois University

#### 5) Past Newsletters

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#### Utilization of Our LinkedIn Page

In the new seasons to come, we are hoping to better utilize our LinkedIn page to connect with our members, build a community, and recruit new members.

We encourage you to:

- [Follow us on LinkedIn](#).
- [Share your news with us](#), whether it is your new achievement, publication, or recent initiatives.
- Share with us any useful resources and articles that you wish to share with our community on the LinkedIn page. Please email our Media Specialist Val Joseph at [vjoseph5@suffolk.edu](mailto:vjoseph5@suffolk.edu) with anything that you'd like to share.

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