

AGENDA

AITU 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

January 12-14, 2021 / Virtual Conference

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TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 2021 / 5:30-6:30 p.m., EST

Two social meetings:

- Reconnect social gathering for Presidents – **ZOOM Link 1**
- Reconnect social gathering for CFOs & Provosts – **ZOOM Link 2**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13, 2021 / 1-3:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m., EST

Opening Session, 1-3:30 p.m. - **ZOOM Link 1**

Theme: *Lessons Learned From the COVID Crisis*

Facilitator: [Laurie Leshin, Ph.D.](#)

AITU Chair

President, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

Format: Panel Discussion Topics & Invited Panelists

Communications: The importance of communications with our campus communities

T. Dwayne McCay President, Florida Institute of Technology

Nariman Farvardin President, Stevens Institute of Technology

Agility: The increased agility that our campuses have operated with

Jelena Kovačević Dean, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

Alan Cramb President, Illinois Institute of Technology

Social/Racial Justice: Increased attention to social and racial justice will continue

Gilda Barabino President, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering

Dave C. Munson President, Rochester Institute of Technology

Enduring New Modes of Working & Learning: Reflections of working and learning modes that are likely to endure beyond the pandemic

John Walz President, Milwaukee School of Engineering

Robert Coons President, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Evening session, 6-7:30 p.m. - [ZOOM Link 1](#)

Topic: *Racial Justice and Equity*

Facilitator: AITU Chair-elect [Anthony G. Collins, Ph.D.](#)
President of Clarkson University

Guest Speaker: [Mr. Nicholas M. Donofrio](#)
NAE Committee of Racial Justice and Equity
IBM EVP Innovation & Technology (retired); IBM Fellow Emeritus

THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 2021 / 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-4 p.m., EST

Morning Sessions: CFOs & Provosts – [ZOOM Link 2](#)

8-11 a.m. Concurrent CFO & Provost Sessions (see schedule below)

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Joint Session

Afternoon Session, 1-4 p.m. - [ZOOM Link 1](#)

1:00-1:45 p.m. Keynote Address followed by Q&A

NSF Strategy Into the Future

[Sethuraman Panchanathan, Ph.D.](#)

Director, *National Science Foundation*

1:45-2:30 p.m. General Discussion

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break

2:45-3:05 p.m. Report of Provosts

3:05-3:25 p.m. Report of CFOs

3:25-4:00 p.m. AITU Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

CFO & Provost Sessions – Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021

SESSION ONE: 8-8:50 a.m., EST/[ZOOM Link 2](#)

CFO Session: *Impacts of COVID on Higher Education Credit Ratings & Industry Outlook*

Guest Speaker: [Laura Kuffler Macdonald](#)
Senior Director & Analytical Manager
USPF Education Group/U.S. Public Finance
[S&P Global Ratings](#)

Format: 20-minute presentation followed by Q&A

Provost Session: *The Switch to Online & Hybrid Education and its Consequences*

Facilitator: [Christophe Pierre, Ph.D.](#)
Provost & VP for Academic Affairs
Stevens Institute of Technology

Format: Roundtable discussion

SESSION TWO: 9-9:50 a.m., EST/[ZOOM Link 2](#)

CFO Session: *Challenges/Opportunities in the Higher Education Operating Environment*

Guest Speaker: [Mark Finlan](#)
Managing Director
Huron Consulting Group

Format: 20-minute presentation followed by Q&A

Provost Session: *Racial Justice and Mental Health & Well-Being*

Facilitator: [Barry L. Shoop, Ph.D.](#)
Dean, Albert Nerken School of Engineering
The Cooper Union

Format: Roundtable discussion

SESSION THREE: 10-10:50 a.m., EST/[ZOOM Link 2](#)

CFO Session: Facilitator: [Jeffrey Solomon](#)
CFO & EVP
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Format: Roundtable discussion

Provost Session: *The Future of Work During & Beyond the Pandemic*

Facilitator: [Matthew Werner](#)
Dean
Webb Institute
Format: Roundtable discussion

SESSION FOUR: 11-11:50 a.m., EST/[ZOOM Link Two](#)

Joint Session: *The Post-Pandemic Workplace*

Welcome & Introductions:

[Louis J. Mayer, Ed.D.](#)
CFO & VP for Finance and Treasurer
Stevens Institute of Technology

Speakers: [Jason M. Adwin, CCP](#)
Senior VP & National Compensation & Career Strategies
Practice Leader, New York
The Segal Group

[Scott D. Nostaja](#)
Senior VP & National Organizational Effectiveness
Practice Leader, New York
The Segal Group

Format: 20-minute presentation followed by roundtable discussion

Facilitators: [Winston "Wole" Soboyejo, Ph.D.](#)
Senior VP & Provost
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

[Jeffrey Solomon](#)
CFO & EVP
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

Format: 20-minute presentation followed by roundtable discussion to include:

- Faculty and staff retention and recruitment
- Investments in equity and well-being
- From budget cuts to investments in the future
 - Future space utilization and growth strategies