**Goal Statement:** The goal of the Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program is to help a talented and diverse faculty and select executive-level professional staff further develop their ability to be effective academic leaders at all levels of research universities. It is intended to help those considering leadership positions understand the university as dynamic and inclusive institutions, and to help them build awareness of the diverse, complex, and changing landscape of higher education while exploring their role in that landscape. The program will be delivered in a cost-effective, collaborative way. Participants (designated as ALP Fellows) are chosen based on their proven abilities or demonstrated promise as leaders by their home institutions.

**Objectives:** The objectives for the Academic Leadership Program, which apply across all three seminars, are described below:

- To learn more about the organization, operations, and physical infrastructure of research universities, as well as their similarities and differences
- To consider the skills and attributes of effective academic leaders, and the challenges and rewards of becoming an academic leader
- To consider current and future challenges and opportunities in higher education
- To recognize and implement the values of diversity, self-awareness, and ethical leadership.
- To meet and develop professional relationships with colleagues through interactions during the seminars and on-campus activities
- To understand the financial landscape of higher education including budget models, philanthropy, public/private partnerships, and its implications for academic leadership

**Specific Outcomes for Seminar I: Contemporary Issues in Higher Education**

- To acquire an understanding of contemporary issues in higher education in their historical and institutional context
- To consider approaches for enhancing campus diversity, inclusion, and climate
- To explore opportunities for university engagement and globalization
- To consider and discuss emerging topics related to teaching and learning
- To introduce aspects of academic leadership values, styles, and skills

**Specific Outcomes for Seminar II: Internal and External Relationships**

- To consider and discuss topics related to faculty and their professional and personal development
- To explore topics related to the role of university staff and ways to work effectively with them
- To consider the experiences of our increasingly diverse student body within and beyond the classroom
- To consider and discuss opportunities and challenges in the university research mission
- To consider issues related to the university’s relationships to external constituencies, including building bridges to the broader communities in which the university is situated
- To further explore the values, styles, and skills that contribute to effective academic leadership
Specific Outcomes for Seminar III: Money, Management, and Strategies

- To increase understanding of various university budget models
- To learn more about university sources of revenue
- To consider approaches to strategic planning at multiple levels of the institution
- To learn more about the issues and management of space and infrastructure
- To learn skills for assessing competing priorities and managing time
- To consider the value of building and maintaining a diverse and inclusive university community
- To reflect on leadership values, styles, and skills and to consider the range of opportunities in higher education leadership, both formal and informal

Following consensus on the goals and objectives, discussion focused on past themes as well as the liaisons’ vision for the future. The discussion resulted in an agreement that the following topics should be incorporated into seminars I, II, and III, respectively.

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