The Academic Leadership Seminar Series is a year-long program for academic unit leaders including department heads and chairs, program and center directors, and assistant and associate deans.
ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SERIES

The Academic Leadership Series is designed for new and experienced Executive Officers who wish to engage in dialogue, share best practices, and discuss issues such as leadership challenges, financial and strategic planning, and faculty development.

All sessions will be held from 8:30–10:00 a.m. at the Ilini Union unless otherwise noted.

The Art and Science of Constructing Promotion and Tenure Cases
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 (314B ILINI UNION)
An in-depth discussion of how to compile strong promotion and tenure packages and how to recognize potential red flags in the process.

Building Resources to Advance the Department’s Mission
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 (210 ILINI UNION)
An overview of the variety of strategies to enhance revenue at the unit level, including professional programs, on-line education, and outreach to potential corporate partners.

Academic Leadership in a Dynamic Environment
OCTOBER 14, 2015 (314B ILINI UNION)
A discussion of different perspectives on successful leadership approaches and styles within the academic context.

Interdisciplinarity in Research and Teaching
OCTOBER 21, 2015 (210 ILINI UNION)
Learn how to make the most of joint hiring initiatives, interdisciplinary teaching programs and research projects.

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NOVEMBER 10, 2015 (314B ILINI UNION)
A discussion of the campus budgetary process, the current budget, and related financial issues and concerns, including the role of the Campus Budget Advisory Task Force.

Developing Your Faculty
NOVEMBER 17, 2015 (210 ILINI UNION)
Mentoring is a critical component of faculty success at all stages. The session covers how to create a mentoring environment, including examples of mentoring models, successful faculty development tips, and strategies for engaging mentors.

Diversity and Excellence
FEBRUARY 9, 2016 (HERITAGE ROOM, ADES LIBRARY)
A conversation on how best to recruit, retain, and support faculty from underrepresented groups.

Handling Difficult Conversations and Situations
FEBRUARY 16, 2016 (210 ILINI UNION)
A discussion of how to approach personnel issues with fairness and professionalism.

Using Data to Inform, Persuade and Make Decisions
MARCH 9, 2016 (TBD)
An interactive demonstration of data available on the Management Information website, designed to help leaders understand how to retrieve and employ the data successfully.

Alumni and Donor Stewardship: Approaches to Advancement
MARCH 30, 2016 (1005 BECKMAN)
A discussion of how unit executive officers can assist in raising money for their units. The focus will be on ways to work with Advancement in cultivating relationships with donors and alumni.

Get the Word Out: Developing Communication and Media Savvy
APRIL 14, 2016 (407 ILINI UNION)
A conversation about strengthening the public face of your unit, including website management, newsletters, social media engagement, and building connections to traditional media outlets.

Assessing Student Learning Outcomes: Finding the Right Tools for Improvement and Accountability
APRIL 21, 2016 (210 ILINI UNION)
Assessing student learning outcomes allows programs to meet their goals for student achievement. This session will provide an overview of methods and resources to evaluate your program’s impact on student learning.

For an online schedule and more information visit: provost.illinois.edu/als/index.html