

ACM President's Entry Plan

90 Days of Listening, Learning, and Visioning



All About ACM: Past, Present, Future

- **Founded in 1958** by college presidents to support **shared interests** and to **fuel collaboration** between member institutions
- ACM has **14 member colleges** across 5 states
- For many years, ACM operated off-campus study programs, our current focus has been **leadership development, tuition remission, DEI support, data sharing, and teaching/learning initiatives**
- Support collaboration between **50** consortial “role groups”
- In 2023, ACM has 6 FTE staff, a \$1.6m operating budget, and projects \$1m in grant expenditures next year

Goals & Priorities: Lisa's First 90 Days



First 30 Days

- Get to know ACM staff, their roles, and strengths
- Meet with ACM Presidents 1-on-1
- Gather info on the ACM lease/alternative spaces
- Submit Spencer Visions Grant
- Connect with Presidents of other consortia
- Maintain momentum on current and future projects
- Bolster morale/team collaboration



Days 30-60

- Host the Advisory Board of Deans & Board of Directors Meetings in Chicago
- Meet with ACM Deans 1-on-1
- Prepare the '25 FY Budget
- Prepare a proposal on ACM's future office needs
- Begin meeting with / learning from ACM's consortial groups and partners
- Engage a communications consultant to address short-term needs



Days 60-90+

- Conduct an inventory of member strategic plans
- Follow-up on board actions (e.g., lease, programming, etc.)
- Summarize "listening tour" themes, insights, and any next steps
- Sharpen ACM's value proposition
- Begin campus visits
- Involve the ACM team in improving communications
- Address financial reporting needs
- Conduct a stakeholder satisfaction survey

Emerging Insights: Lisa's First 90 Days



1. Recognition that our colleges are **differently resourced** and finding ways to serve common needs as well as “common-enough” needs
2. Genuine appreciation for 66-years of **programs, gatherings, and trusted peer networks**
3. A hunger to articulate a **stronger strategic focus for ACM's programming**
4. Recognition that there are **many new leaders and faces at ACM schools**
5. A **shifting funding landscape** impacts what/how we fund collaboration
6. An opportunity to take a **stakeholder-focused approach** to leverage the talents of ACM's team to improve **internal operations** (e.g., communications, office space, programming)

Defining Successful ACM / Stakeholder Collaborations



**The Work Feels Light
& The Ride Feels Easy**



**Clear Asks, Defined Roles,
and Succinctly Stated
Next Steps**



**ACM provides practical
strategies and
actionable tools AND...**



**Broaden Perspectives,
See Beyond Daily
"Whackamole"**



**Create Ideal Conditions for
Peer Support, Community
and Celebration**



**Leave the Conversation
Feeling Renewed**