

Comments on the Academic Leadership Program from Past Fellows

“The CIC-ALP has been the single best professional development in my fifteen years experience in higher education. All the presenters were experts in their various fields and were excellent. It is definitely a career booster.”

Clara Awe, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pharmacy Practice, Director, Urban Health Program, and Adjunct Associate Professor for Pharmacy Administration

“The CIC-ALP program allows for the opportunity of frank and open dialogue with faculty and administrators from the CIC institutions concerning critical issues of national importance and how they will or might impact upon our universities. Also these discussions allow for the review of critical issues at both the national and international level, not just at the Department or College level. This program allows faculty to remove one’s self from the narrow discipline focus of looking at problems and to have a dialogue with other faculty from other disciplines and universities, bringing various opinions attempting to find solutions for the same problem. From a personal point of view the program allowed the incredible opportunity for networking with colleagues (who are from different universities and experiential backgrounds) from the 11 other universities; working and discussing critical issues concerning the university of the future. The CIC Academic Leadership Program has broadened my perspective on what is possible in an academic unit. Meeting other administrators on the UIC campus and from other institutions has given me a range of experiences to draw upon in my role as a new unit director.”

Larry Danziger, Professor, Pharmacy Practice and Associate Vice Chancellor, Research

“Before I began the CIC-ALP, I had little idea how useful the program actually would be. I was busy with other things and imagined I might easily be disappointed. But after attending two seminars and now looking forward to the third, I can say this has been some of the most well-spent time of my entire career. Not only do you develop a variety of genuinely useful leadership skills and improve your knowledge of how universities work, you enlarge your perspective tremendously: returning to your own institution, you will see things differently. I greatly value the sense of community I developed with peers at other universities, through interactions with CIC-ALP fellows from a variety of disciplines. I was invigorated by the experience and feel privileged to have been allowed to participate.”

Walter Edelberg, Associate Professor, Philosophy

“I found the program in general to be *very* beneficial to people entering academic administration. I often reflect on the provocative session in which I participated during my year in the program. Perhaps the most valuable part of the program is the interaction with other people from other disciplines and *other institutions* who are in similar institutions. There was much common ground among our differences.”

David M. France, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Emeritus

“The chance to talk with all levels of administrators about how they achieve both their administrative and their academic goals was very helpful. Also, the chance to hear views on a range of items/situations from a purely administrative perspective was quite an eye opener. The chance for small, informal sessions with our UIC administrators has in retrospect turned out to have been a terrific opportunity.”

Lon Kaufman, Professor and Head, Biological Sciences

“The CIC-ALP gave me the opportunity to learn about other administrative structures and exchange ideas with peers from other institutions.”

Judith Russi Kirshner, Dean, School of Architecture and the Arts

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Curtis Winkle, Associate Professor