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Aarti Bhat is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and School of Medicine in University of Washington. She is the current chair (2025-2026), of the faculty senate, a shared governance body that spans 18 schools and colleges on three geographically separate campuses in this storied university, the main campus being in Seattle. She is a pediatric cardiologist and specializes in the diagnosis and management of fetal and congenital heart diseases. Specifically, she is an expert in the field of pediatric echocardiography and has multiple publications in this field.

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Lisa Mauer joined the provost's office as associate vice provost for faculty affairs in 2019. In this role, she provides leadership for initiatives that support faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, development, and success at all career stages. Mauer is a professor of food science, a member of the Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research, and was the director of the Center for Food Safety Engineering for 10 years.

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Fred Muya Nafukho serves as Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and Professor of Management and Organization at the Foster School of Business and holds the Presidential Term Professorship at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. His research focuses on policy analysis within international and comparative education, investment in human capital development, emotional intelligence and leadership development, and organizational development and change. He has received numerous awards, honors, and fellowships in recognition of his scholarship such as the Fulbright Scholarship in 1996, Outstanding HRD Scholar Award in 2019, the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship in 2016, Arkansas Business Teacher Educator of the Year Award in 2004, and Outstanding New Faculty Award at Texas A&M University.

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Laura J. Rosenthal is the Director for Faculty Leadership and a Professor in the English Department. In the Office of Faculty Affairs, she leads projects on faculty development and leadership development. Dr. Rosenthal previously served as the ADVANCE Professor for the College of Arts and Humanities, advancing women and faculty of color. She is the author or editor of five books on Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century British literature and editor of the journal 'Restoration: Studies in Literature and Culture.' Her scholarship focuses on theater, the novel, gender, empire, and histories of emotion.

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Rosa Milagros Santos is the Associate Provost for Faculty Development. In this role, she assists with processes and policies related to faculty development and success, including faculty mentoring, support for pre-tenure and mid-career faculty, career paths for specialized faculty, and leadership development. She also oversees the new faculty orientation, mid-career faculty programming, and the dual-career academic couples program.

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Barrett (Barry) W. Thomas was appointed associate provost for faculty and strategic operations in January 2025. He will begin serving in the roll full-time on July 1, 2025. Since 2020, Dr. Thomas has served as senior associate dean and the Gary C. Fethke Research Professor of Business Analytics in the Tippie College of Business. He joined Tippie in 2002 after earning MS and PhD degrees in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan and BA degrees in Mathematics and Economics from Grinnell College. Dr. Thomas has extensive experience in faculty development and policy. He also has been a leader regarding the use of artificial intelligence and has served on many campus-wide committees.

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Charity Farber has been with the Big Ten Academic Alliance since 2008. With each role she has held, she has continued to build on her commitment to strengthening academic collaboration and advancing leadership development. She now leads the newly established Leadership Institute team, dedicated to advancing faculty leadership across the consortium. Charity is responsible for the strategic design, delivery, and facilitation of programs that prepare faculty for leadership roles and foster collaboration among the member institutions. In addition to leading the Leadership Institute, Charity also facilitates the collaboration of one of the Big Ten Academic Alliance's core groups, the Vice Provosts for Faculty Affairs.

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Laney Staehlin joined the Big Ten Academic Alliance in 2025 as the Program Manager for the Leadership Institute. She leads the Department Executive Officers (DEO) program, overseeing its planning and execution to support leadership development across the consortium. Laney also serves as the primary liaison for program participants and hosts universities, ensuring clear communication and seamless experience across all Leadership Institute initiatives. She manages a broad range of logistics to ensure the smooth and effective delivery of programs and events. In addition, Laney contributes to the strategic planning and ongoing refinement of program content in collaboration with the Director and campus partners.