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John focuses on providing colleges and universities financial management and strategy solutions.

Professional experience

Prior to joining Huron, John was the Executive Vice President at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He also held the following positions earlier in his career: Vice President for Business and Finance at California Institute of Technology, Administrative Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer at University of California, Los Angeles, Vice President for Budget and Planning at University of Southern California, Intern in Management at Stanford University, Instructor in Mathematics at Chatham College, and Lecturer in Mathematics at Carnegie-Mellon University.

John's responsibilities at MIT included:

- Developing the Institute's annual operating budget (over \$2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2006), long-term financial plan, and capital budget (approximately \$1.4 billion through 2008) with the Provost.
- Monitoring and controlling the Institute's overall fiscal operations.
- Managing primary financial and administrative services of the campus: budget and planning, accounting and finance, internal audit, information services and technology, human resources, facilities and capital construction, environmental and legal services, and campus police.
- Managing Institute-wide initiatives to streamline business processes and implement attendant enterprise transaction and information systems (primarily SAP).

John's key accomplishments at MIT include:

- Developing a ten-year comprehensive financial plan with MIT senior management and the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation, and developing the attendant financial planning model, versions of which are now operating at several colleges and universities.
- Developing quarterly comprehensive GAAP financial reporting and operating unit analysis capability.
- Recruiting and appointing seven senior executives, including two vice presidents: Human Resources and Information Services and Technology.
- Completing eight major capital projects including Simmons Hall, Steven Holl architect; the Ray and

Maria Stata Center, Frank O. Gehry architect; the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center, Kevin Roche, Dinkeloo and Associates architect; and the brain and cognitive sciences project, Charles Correa and Goody Clancy architects.

- Upgrading the campus SAP core financial systems, developing a comprehensive data warehouse, and implementing five additional SAP modules.
- Developing a comprehensive environmental health and safety organization out of five disparate and uncoordinated units, with attendant information systems and web-based training modules, now viewed as a national model by the EPA.
- Managing local and regional government affairs including sponsorship and oversight of the study, Engines of Economic Growth: The Impact of Boston's Eight Research Universities on the Metropolitan Boston Area; and negotiating a path breaking Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the City of Cambridge.

Education and certification

- Master of Arts, Mathematics, West Virginia University
- Doctoral Coursework, Mathematics, Carnegie-Mellon University
- Bachelor of Arts, Physics, magna cum laude, West Virginia University
- NIMH Fellow in Organizational Research, Management Intern, Stanford University

Professional associations

- Chairman of the Board, The Forum for the Future of Higher Education
- Trustee, The College Board (SAT, PSAT, AP), and Chair of the Trustee Finance Committee

Publications

- Responsibility Center Management: Lessons from 25 Years of Decentralized management, with Jon C. Strauss, NACUBO, 2002
- The Organizational Challenge: IT and Revolution in Higher Education, EDUCAUSE Review, March/April 2002
- "Budgeting" in Managerial Analysis and Decision Support: a Guidebook of Case Studies, NACUBO, 2004