

ACI Board Elects New Leaders, Approves Budget, Business Plan

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The [ACI Board of Trustees](#) elected Dr. Jamel SC Wright to serve a two-year term as president of ACI. Wright, who is president of [Eureka College](#), Eureka, succeeded Dr. Barbara A. Farley, who served two terms as ACI president. Farley is president of [Illinois College](#), Jacksonville.

The board made two additional appointments to the ACI Executive Committee. Succeeding Dr. John L. Comerford as member at large is Dr. Gene C. Crume, Jr., president of [Judson University](#), Elgin. Comerford recently left as president of [Blackburn College](#), Carlinville, to become president of Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio. Succeeding Wright as a member at large is Dr. Eric W. Fulcomer, president of [Rockford University](#), Rockford. Each new appointment is effective June 1.



Dr. Jamel Wright, left, new ACI president, with Dr. Gene C. Crume, Jr., center, and Dr. Eric W. Fulcomer, new ACI Executive Committee members.

With these new appointments, the nine members of the ACI Executive Committee for the next two fiscal years are:

- Chair, Board of Trustees: Frank Cella
- President: Jamel SC Wright
- Secretary-Treasurer: Clifton Fenton
- Chair, Advancement Committee: Bill Powell
- Chair, Audit and Investment Committee: Clifton Fenton
- Chair, Program Committee: Lyn Bulman
- Chair, Trusteeship Committee: Jerry Murphy
- Member at Large: Gene Crume, Jr.
- Member at Large: Eric Fulcomer
- Member at Large: Chipo Nyambuya

Board OKs budget, business plan, hears report from executive director

The ACI Board of Trustees approved a business plan and \$1.58 million budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, and it approved a series of minor revisions to the ACI Bylaws.

In his report to the board, ACI Executive Director Mick Weltman said the organization achieved more than 25 of its objectives in its business plan for 2017-2018. For the coming year he said the organization wants to return 140 percent of its assessments to member colleges in scholarships, and it wants to approve up to 11 member campuses for its Peer Mentoring Program. A multi-track

professional development conference to be held in Chicago is planned for Nov. 2, along with breakfast meetings with wealth advisors and human resources, diversity and inclusion staff.

ACI will continue to build [job and internship opportunities](#) for students and micro-internships through Parker Dewey, Weltman said. Foundation gifts to ACI exceeded expectations in 2017-2018. ACI plans to raise more funds through corporations and individuals, plus a major gifts program has been initiated. Ten new corporate members were added to the board of trustees this fiscal year. ACI is also planning for its second [Career and Internship Fair](#) in fall 2019, he added.