## Rita R. Owens

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### Areas of Significant Accomplishment and Expertise

In Teaching, Consulting and Publishing

- •! Business Communication Education and Skills Development
- •! Synchronous and Asynchronous Teaching and Learning•! Active Learning
- •! Business and Technical Writing
- •! Communication for Consultants
- •! Effective Business Communications for Managers and Executives
- •! Learning Management Systems
- •! Teaching Innovation Employing Digita

#### **EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT**

# 2005-2014 Executive Director for Academic Technology, Office of the Provost

Chief strategist and advisor to the Provost and his faculty on technology-related matters especially as they applied to eLearning, eTeaching, research, and student administrative systems. Principal Boston College academic technology strategist working in partnership with Information Technology Services to provide state-of-the-art technology tools and services for teaching and research. Specifically responsible for eLearning and eTeaching initiatives at Boston College as well as classroom and learning space planning and implementation. Oversaw the Department of Instructional Design and eTeaching Services supporting new pedagogical models employing a wide range of technologies. Staff included a director, project managers, instructional designers, learning management administrators, web developers, and academic technologists

Principal partner between Boston College faculty/academic clients and Information Technology Services, supporting thousands of faculty members and researchers, and more than 15,000 students across eight colleges and schools.

Portfolio director and coordinator for all academic client projects and initiatives.

Founder and permanent member of the Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB), a committee that is "the voice of the faculty" in technology-related matters.

Director of faculty development programming related to teaching and research technologies.

Strategic partner with faculty to incent technology innovation in teaching and research. Founder and director of Academic Technology Innovation Grants and Exploratory Technology Grants, totaling over \$1.2m in active projects. Oversaw the work of the University-wide Faculty Technology Contacts (FTCs). Partner with faculty moderators from the Faculty Microcomputing Resource Center (FMRC) to coordinate peer-to-peer faculty technology support.

Principal Investigator for two Davis Educational Foundation grants. Current grant is <u>The MediaKron Project</u>, a collaboration between Boston College and other colleges and universities.

Member of the Boston College Data Security Executive Committee and Data Security Officer for the Office of the Provost.

On behalf of the academic community, advocated for and steered the ongoing design, implementation, and support of all student information systems. Executive sponsor of the University Core Systems project to replace all student systems.

## 2001-2005 Associate Academic Vice President, Technology

Created and led the new Academic Technology Services organization which included university-wide local technology support, instructional and research support, media production, and classroom technology strategic planning and support. Direct reports include

EDUCAUSE- Member and frequent presenter: 1982-Present Program Committee –2001 national meeting NERCOMP presenter, Classroom Technology Strategic Planning, 2004

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers – Member and frequent presenter: 1979-1986, 1994-Present SPEEDE Committee: 1995