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To assist you in your role of president at American College of Education, we have curated these AGB member resources for you.



Trusteeship Article

### Winning Amazon H2Q

With Amazon's second headquarters up for grabs, Virginia Polytechnic University (Virginia Tech)—and its institutionally related foundation, the Virginia Tech Foundation—were ready. In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Christopher Connell, independent journalist, former Associated Press education writer, and author of AGB's *Top Strategic Issues for Boards 2020-2021*, tells the story of how the university and its foundation played a key role in Northern Virginia winning the nationwide competition for Amazon's second headquarters. [Read the article.](#)



Trusteeship Article

### A Question for Eileen B. Wilson-Oyelaran, PhD: Why Is Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Critical for Boards?

Institutions that fail to develop policies, practices, and learning experiences that promote equitable participation and academic and professional success for all will find it difficult to recruit and retain faculty and staff and meet enrollment goals. In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Eileen B. Wilson-Oyelaran, PhD, president emerita of Kalamazoo College, senior fellow and senior consultant for AGB, and author of the *AGB Board of Directors' Statement on Justice, Equity, and Inclusion and Guidance for Implementation*, explains how boards can use AGB's statement as a tool to make progress no matter where they are on their equity journey. [Read the article.](#)



Trusteeship Article

### Board Restructuring to Eliminate Silos at a Small Liberal Arts Institution

The University of the South (familiarily known as Sewanee) was facing transactional board meetings and siloed presentations that precluded deep conversation by its board. Impressed by the results from The College of New Jersey's board committee restructuring in 2017, Sewanee's leadership embarked on a board committee restructuring journey of their own. In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Nancy Berner, PhD, provost, and Eric Hartman, vice president for risk management and institutional effectiveness, University of the South, share insights from their experience. [Read the article.](#)



Blog

### When Should a President Step Down? Leadership Transition Planning for Higher Education

Although leadership transitions happen regularly in higher education, these departures disrupt institutional trajectory, even in the best of circumstances.

President and provost transitions can lead to changes among vice presidents and deans, as teams adjust to a new senior leader focused on aligning and balancing skill sets with the institution's evolving strategic direction. In a new AGB blog post, Mark A. Heckler, PhD, president emeritus of Valparaiso University and interim CEO of the College and University Sustainability Project (CUSP), explains why boards and presidents need to think carefully and strategically about these transitions and their implications given the organizational consequences of any change in key leadership positions. [Read the blog post.](#)



Upcoming Webinars  
and Workshops

### **Under Pressure from Students to Divest from Fossil Fuels? Us Too.**

Fossil fuel divestment is a popular topic across university campuses, often with students and faculty advocating for divestment. In this webinar on Wednesday, July 21, at 1:00 PM ET, you'll hear from the Western Washington University Foundation about how its staff and investment committee approached pressure from students to divest, and how it worked with students to evaluate potential options and implement a solution that met both environmental and return objectives. [Register for the upcoming webinar now.](#)

Thank you for your leadership and engagement with AGB.

Best regards,

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