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The role of the provost—the chief academic officer—has never been more critical or challenging. Tasked with overseeing the academic mission of colleges and universities, provosts manage a wide range of responsibilities, from guiding institutional strategy and resource allocation to navigating faculty relationships, student success, and increasingly complex crises. *The Chief Academic Officer's Handbook* is an essential resource for those stepping into this demanding role as well as seasoned leaders seeking new strategies and perspectives.

Written by current and former provosts affiliated with the Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO) and edited by Gregor Thuswaldner, this comprehensive volume offers practical advice, best practices, and candid reflections from leaders representing a wide range of higher education institutions. Organized for quick reference, the handbook spans the full spectrum of the provost's responsibilities. From establishing an inclusive academic vision and working effectively with presidents and senior leadership to engaging with external stakeholders and managing institutional resources, each chapter addresses real-world challenges with clarity and insight. The book also tackles critical issues like crisis management, faculty relations, and the need for self-care in a role defined by constant high-stakes decision-making. *The Chief Academic Officer's Handbook* is the must-have guide for those committed to leading academic enterprises with integrity, vision, and resilience.

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