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Jim Davis is Vice Provost IT & Chief Academic Technology Officer - a new executive leadership role with broader responsibilities focused on UCLA's academic research and education mission but building on his past position as Associate Vice Chancellor & CIO. Jim has responsibilities for the Institute for Digital Research and Education (IDRE), the Institute for Informatics (I2), UCLA's institutional educational technology initiatives, and academic application services. In his Vice Provost position, Jim also has broad accountability for university-wide technology planning and implementation oversight. Through the Office of Information Technology, he both facilitates and coordinates campus IT planning, policy setting, prioritization and decision-making. In supporting the university's central and distributed technology requirements, Jim is responsible for the strategic investment and deployment of academic and administrative operations, services and resources.

Jim is a member and past chair of the University of California's Information Technology Leadership Council, the council of CIOs from the campuses, government labs and medical centers. Jim is the past Chair of the Board of Directors of CENIC (Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California), the non-profit corporation responsible for network connectivity and services to all higher education and K-12 institutions in the state. Within UCLA, Jim is on the Executive Board of the Anderson School's IS Associates bringing together the IT leadership of approximately 50 Fortune 500 companies in Southern California, and he chairs UCLA's Advisory Board on Privacy and Data Protection. He is currently Principal Investigator on an NSF initiative on Smart Process Manufacturing.

Prior to Jim's appointment, he served as Chief Information Officer, Associate Provost for Information Technology, and Director of University Technology Services at The Ohio State University. At Ohio State, he had responsibility for institutional IT planning, instructional technology, policy, faculty/staff/student IT advisory committees, and all central infrastructure and support services for both academic and administrative applications. He worked extensively with the Ohio Supercomputer Center, the Ohio Academic and Research Network (OARnet), the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), and Internet2 on computing, network, research, and educational initiatives.

Jim is also a Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at UCLA. Jim's research is in the area of data analysis, decision support, and intelligent systems. With over 25 years experience in technology-based engineering research and application, he has been involved with research, development and deployment of information technology solutions in a variety of applications. Jim has consulted widely and is the founding co-director of the 'Information Technology in Chemical Engineering' divisional program area within the American Institute of Chemical Engineering and is currently Vice Chair of the Executive Board and National Programming Committee. Jim began his academic career following several years of industrial experience at Amoco Chemicals Corporation. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University.