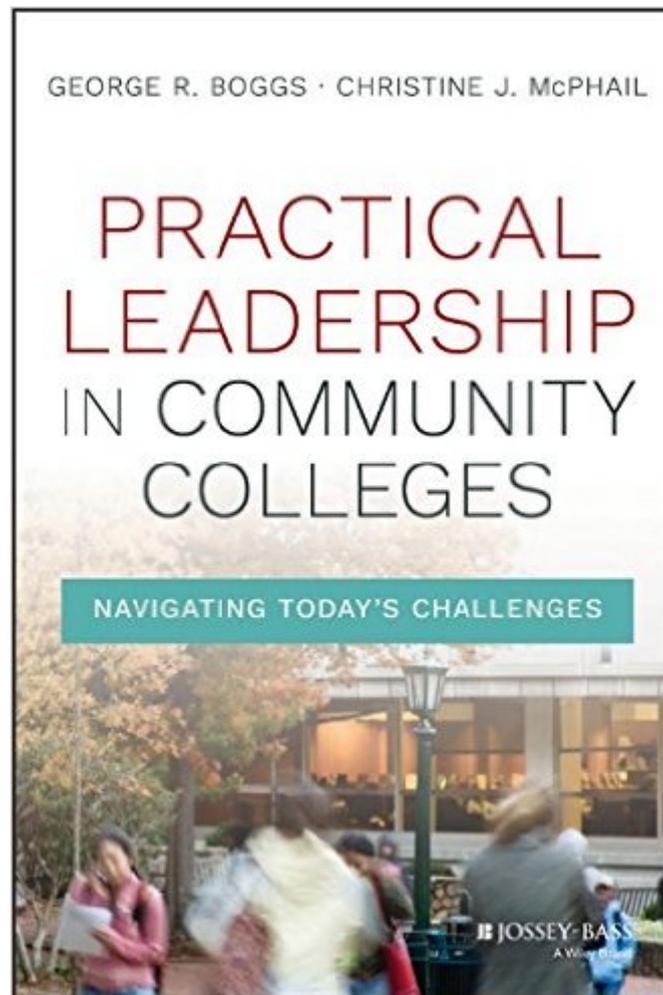


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Practical Leadership In Community Colleges: Navigating Today's Challenges



Synopsis

Anticipate, manage, and overcome the complex issues facing community colleges. *Practical Leadership in Community Colleges* offers a path forward through the challenges community colleges face every day. Through field observations, reports, news coverage, and interviews with leaders and policy makers, this book digs deep into the issues confronting college leaders and provides clear direction for managing through the storm. With close examination of both emerging trends and perennial problems, the discussion delves into issues brought about by changing demographics, federal and state mandates, public demand, economic cycles, student unrest, employee groups, trustees, college supporters, and more to provide practical guidance toward optimal outcomes for all stakeholders. Written by former presidents, including a past president of the American Association of Community Colleges, this book provides expert guidance on anticipating and managing the critical issues that affect the entire institution. Both authors serve as consultants, executive coaches, and advisors to top leaders, higher education institutions, and leadership development programs throughout the United States. Community colleges are facing increasingly complex issues from both without and within. Some can be avoided, others only mitigated—but all must be managed, and college leaders must be fully prepared or risk failing the students and the community. This book provides real-world guidance for current and emerging leaders and trustees seeking more effective management methods, with practical insight and expert perspective. Tackle the college completion challenge and performance-based funding initiatives. Manage through economic cycles, declining support, and calls for accountability. Delve into the issues of privatization and employee unionization. Execute strategies to align institutional goals and mission. Manage organizational change and new ways of thinking that are essential in today's competitive environment. Manage issues involving diversity, inclusiveness, and equity. Prepare adequately for campus emergencies. Community colleges are the heartbeat of the nation's higher education system, and bear the tremendous responsibility of serving the needs of a vast and varied student body. Every day may bring new issues, but effective management allows institutions to rise to the challenge rather than falter under pressure. *Practical Leadership in Community Colleges* goes beyond theory to provide the practical guidance leadership needs to more effectively lead institutions to achieve results and serve the students and the community.

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In the early decades of the 21st century, community college leaders find themselves navigating troubled waters, trying to steer a leaking ship over rough shoals. While no longer blind men driving on freeways, the women and men leading these colleges do not have a clear course to a safe harbor. The numerous external and internal forces battering their vessels are not abating. Now along comes *Practical Leadership in Community Colleges: Navigating Today's Challenges*, a new book by George Boggs and Christine McPhail. These two nationally known community college leaders have provided the field with a navigation system to help leaders chart a new course. A real strength of the book is the emphasis on confronting the troublesome issues facing these leaders. The book begins with a thorough analysis of how leaders should recognize, analyze, and deal with the issues of the day. The remainder of the book's chapters contains valuable information about the arenas in which these issues arise. The use of issues to consider and case scenarios at the end of each chapter provides community college leadership groups with the ability to use this book as a learning tool to deal with issues at the local level. Our nation's community college leaders will never sail on a sea of glass. They will always require assistance with their journey. This book is the sextant of our time. As someone who has worked for and with community colleges for 49 years, I find *Practical Leadership in Community Colleges* both refreshing and timely. It is unlike other community college leadership books, in that it takes a managing issues approach to navigating community college problems.

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