



Dr. Mary I. Vanis has thirty five years of experience in education, which encompasses over 30 years in higher education as an administrative, instructional, and student services leader within the Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCD) and within the private higher education community in Arizona. She has a successful track record in building strong collaborations with private and public higher education, employers and communities to ensure effective and timely undergraduate and graduate transfer and general education, workforce development and professional programs.

Dr. Vanis has demonstrated experience and developed expertise in higher education accreditation standards and protocols, especially with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission. She has served as a Consultant-Evaluator and Team Chair on over 30 evaluation visits working with community colleges, tribal colleges and private colleges and universities.

Dr. Vanis has served as the Campus Executive Officer for Ottawa University Arizona, a multi-state private non-profit university. She was responsible for the leadership and direction of the general business and academic operations of the three Arizona campuses. The three campuses produced over half of the university's enrollment and revenue.

Dr. Vanis served as the Director of the Center for Workforce Development for the Maricopa Community Colleges. The Center for Workforce Development serves as the central resource for the most current labor market and workforce trends information in the Greater Phoenix area, bringing together industry and education for discussions on curriculum and faculty training. She provided district-wide senior level leadership for business and workforce development, national, regional, state, and local agencies and organizations in the areas of occupational and workforce education and economic development.

In the 2007-08 academic year, Dr. Vanis accepted the position as the Interim Campus President with Pima Community College (Tucson, AZ) as the chief executive officer for the Desert Vista Campus.

Dr. Vanis was the Founding Campus Dean for the Red Mountain Campus of Mesa Community College (MCCD). In this senior leadership position she worked collaboratively with college deans, directors, faculty, staff, students and the public to ensure excellence in the development of the campus educational programs and support services. This position carried the full administrative leadership responsibility for the planning, development, organization and administration of the campus master plan which encompassed comprehensive instructional programs, student and administrative services, information technologies, auxiliary services and the total operations of the college satellite campus

Dr. Vanis holds a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Arts from the University of Nebraska, and a Doctor of Education from Northern Arizona University.

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