

Key College Leaders



Charles Hirschhorn

President
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- Responsible for the college's mission, vision, success, and well-being. Working with the board of trustees, provost, and vice presidents, the president oversees the college's strategic long-range planning, enrollment and curriculum, fundraising and fiscal management, external relations, and community engagement.



Jiseon Isbara

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- Oversees the quality of undergraduate, graduate, and Extension programs, as well as academic support services and public programming. As the chief academic officer of the college, acts on behalf of the President in the President's absence.



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- Responsible for employee recruitment and retention, legal compliance, engagement and professional development, retirement, and health and wellness benefits for the college.



Laura Kiralla, Ed.D.

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- Leads co-curricular learning and development, student engagement, student success, persistence and completion, and oversees student-related campus policies and standards. Supervises Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.



Patrick Mahany

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- Institutional Advancement implements advancement goals and objectives in the context of the College-wide strategic plan. This includes fundraising (major donors, foundations, and corporations), alumni, and special events.



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- Oversees all IT for the college campus, supervises Dining, Facilities, Safety and Security, Purchasing, and overall operational functions of Otis College.

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Lawrence Aldava

Vice President of Marketing
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- Serves as the leader for all external marketing and communications for the College. Is responsible for branding, public relations, website, and social media channels.



Nick Negrete, Ed.D.

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- Oversees policies, programs, and processes related to DEI, leads the DEI Council, and works in strategic partnerships with senior leaders, faculty, staff, and students and alumx on enhancing the campus climate specific to DEI.



Sam Kim

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- Coordinates the recruitment, selection, and enrollment of new entering students. Supervises Admissions, Registration, and One Stop and communicates the college's mission to prospective students and families.



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- Leads Extension programs offering courses to adult learning, K-12 programs, and summer conferences and programming.



Jason Cha

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- Oversees student conduct, administration of the Otis College code of student conduct, assessment and accreditation for the Division of Campus Life, and supervises Career Services, Residence Life and Housing, Student Activities, Title IX, Disability Services, and overall co-curricular engagement within Student Affairs.

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Alumni Relations

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- Provides students with opportunities to engage with successful alumni who are actively involved in the art and design world.

Student Services and Campus Resources

Campus Safety and Security



Steve McQueen

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- Directs, manages, and leads safety and security initiatives for the college and works in collaboration with faculty, staff, and students to uphold a safe and secure campus.



Mohammed Ahmed

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- Analyzes and administers environmental, health, and safety program components, including occupational hazard assessment, code enforcement, project safety review, and chemical hygiene compliance.

Career Services



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- Provides students and alumni with programs and services to help them in their professional growth and to become successful in their careers.



Talon Billows

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- Coordinates on-campus employment by processing SEWA (student employment work authorization) forms. He is a DSO (designated school official) who supports international students wishing to do CPT (curricular practical training) and OPT (optional practical training)

Computer Lab



Hal Tekle

Manager

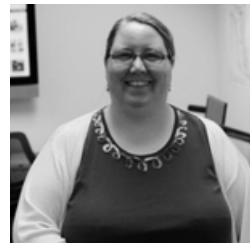
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- Computer lab operates student open-access labs and classrooms for all the major departments. Services include color and wide format printing, scanning, equipment lending, media formatting and recovery, and user account maintenance.

Library and Instructional Technology

Residence Hall, Room 100



Heather Cleary

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- Librarians are readily available for individualized instruction to assist students in research and information-retrieval, as well as using various technologies, including O-Space (the college's learning management system) and the Otis digital image database (a bank of over 40,000 images).

Media Services



Mark Farina

Manager

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- This fully equipped facility includes high-end video and film cameras with accessories, professional lighting kits, a green screen studio/stage, an audio booth and control room, a final cut pro a screening room for critique of final projects.

Student Services and Campus Resources

One Stop Office

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Marcelo Vazquez

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Registration Office

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Anna Manzano

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- The official recorder and keeper of student records, including transcripts, enrollment verifications, diplomas, and registration processes. Also handles regulations affecting international students and veterans.

Residence Life and Housing

Academic Building, 1st Floor



Melinda Patton

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- Manages the day-to-day operations for the Otis student housing program. This includes program planning and supervision of the undergraduate paraprofessional staff known as resident assistants.

Operations and Facilities

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- Manages daily operations and maintains the college's space, design, and construction activities related to renovation and new facilities, energy management, and recycling.

Student Financial Services

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Natasha Kobrinsky

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- Assist students and families in understanding and obtaining the financial resources necessary to achieve their educational goals.

Student Learning Center

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- Oversees Student Learning Center day to day functions and supports students through various services offered including tutoring and success coaching.

Student Services and Campus Resources

Student Affairs

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- Supervises and oversees Disability Services, Parent Family Engagement, First Generation College Student Support, Veteran Student Services and serves as the College's Title IX Coordinator.



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- Addresses student issues, concerns, and questions.

Student Activities

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- Oversees the student clubs, organizations, Campus Activities Board, and Student Life Center management, as well as Peer Mentors/TISOs, new student orientation, and commencement.

Student Health and Wellness Center

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- Manages and supervises the tool crib, metal shop, foundry, model shop, wood shop, photo crib, photography lab, lighting studio, audio/video lab, screening room, and the Frederick Monhoff printmaking lab. Also coordinates student safety and instruction.

Student Services and Campus Resources

Travel and External Studies

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- Oversees travel study programs, and assists students and faculty seeking travel study opportunities.

Title IX and Disability Services

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- Supervises the Office of Student Activities, Disability Services, International Student Services, and serves as the College's Title IX Coordinator.

President's Office

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Renee Jones

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- Serves as the initial contact for the provost, associate provost, and assistant provost. Students may make appointments through the executive assistant to discuss any academic matters.



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Provost's Office

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