Yale Higher Education Summit

Located in the new Edward P. Evans Hall on the Yale University campus, the Yale Leadership Summit in Higher Education brings together university presidents and board chairs, along with other top leadership, to discuss the higher education environment and key strategies to shape the future of colleges and universities in the U.S.

“Thanks again for another fantastic educational experience – the one teeming with pertinent insights and challenges. Watching you exercise this amazing gift for phrasing ideas and values with piquant precision has become a great pleasure for me.”
Kimberly Benston, President, Haverford College

“This was a distinctly valuable day – well worth the trip. I wish it ran longer as the issues which surfaced are all the ones we are wrestling with as well. The varied responses were refreshing to hear and explore.”
Shauna Ryder Diggs, MD, Chairman of the Board of Regents, University of Michigan
AGB-Yale Leadership Summit in Higher Education and America’s Future
January 14, 2016

Attendees

- Peter Salovey, President, Yale University
- Rick Legon, President, AGB
- Bob Diamond, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Colby College
- Kimberly Benston, President, Haverford College
- John Petillo, President, Sacred Heart University
- Barbara Gitenstein, President, The College of New Jersey
- Thomas Humes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Cincinnati
- Frank Connor, Vice Rector, Board of Rectors, University of Virginia
- Shauna Ryder Diggs, Chairman, Board of Regents, University of Michigan
- Nannerl Keohane, former President, Duke University and Wellesley College
- Elizabeth McMillen, Editor, The Chronicle of Higher Education
- Kevin Reilly, former President, University of Wisconsin

Sessions

- Trust and Wisdom in University Leadership
- Worlds In Collision: Leading Institutions through Clashes in Values
- Trusting Your Trustees: How to Execute Well on Available Board Opportunities
- Higher Ground in Higher Education: Ethics and Leadership in the Modern University
- Leveraging Leadership from the Board: How Do Trustees Add Value?

You made the program—the people you drew in, the organization, the delivery, the setting. It was a very engaging event.

Susan Whealler Johnston, PhD
EVP & COO
AGB
**Agenda**

**7:30-8:30am**  
Breakfast, Beinecke Room

**8:30–9:00am**  
**Welcome, Baker Classroom 2430**  
*Jeffrey Sonnenfeld*, Senior Associate Dean introducing *Peter Salovey*, President, Yale University

**9:00-9:15am**  
**Opening Remarks, Baker Classroom 2430**  
*Rick Legon*, President of the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges & Universities, Consequential Boards

**9:15-9:45am**  
**Trust and Wisdom in University Leadership, Baker Classroom 2430**  
*Jeffrey Sonnenfeld & Richard Edelman*, President & CEO, Edelman

**9:45-10:30am**  
**Worlds in Collision: Leading Institutions through Clashes in Values, Baker Classroom 2430**  
*Barbara Gitenstein*, President, The College of New Jersey  
*David Greene*, President, Colby College  
*Kimberly Benston*, President, Haverford College  
*John Petillo, President*, Sacred Heart University  
*Stephen Joel Trachtenberg*, former President, the George Washington University  
*Kevin Reilly*, former President, University of Wisconsin  

**Respondents:**  
*Mike Ullman*, Chairman, JC Penney and Trustee, University of Cincinnati  
*James Citrin*, Managing Director, Spencer Stuart and Trustee, Wesleyan University
10:30-10:45am  Break, Baker Classroom 2430

10:45-12:00 pm  Trusting your Trustees: How to Execute well on Available Board Opportunities, Baker Classroom 2430  

Robert Diamond, former CEO, Barclays and Chairman, Board of Trustees, Colby College  
John Perez, Chairman Emeritus, California Assembly, Board of Regents, UC System  
Thomas Humes, Chairman of the Board of Trustee, University of Cincinnati  
Frank “Rusty” Conner, partner, Covington & Burling and Trustee, University of Virginia  
Russ Ramsey, Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The George Washington University  
Roberta Achtenberg, U.S. Civil Rights Commission and Trustee, California State  
Jim Shea, Chairman, Venable LLP and Regent, University of Maryland  

Respondents:  
Alan Spoon, General Partner Emeritus, Polaris Venture Partners and Trustee, MIT  
Andrew Tisch, Co-chairman Loew’s Corporation and Vice Chairman Board of Trustees, Cornell University  
Diane Hessan, CEO, Start-UP Institute and Trustee, Tufts University  

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch – Higher Ground in Higher Education: Ethics and Leadership in the Modern University, a Fireside Chat, Beinecke Room  

Nan Keohane, former President, Duke University and Wellesley College  

1:00-1:45pm  Group Discussion, Baker Classroom 2430  

Challenges at home universities and how they tie into public perceptions about value in American higher education –financial models, technology, changing demography etc.
1:45pm-2:00pm  Break, Baker Classroom 2430

2:00-2:45pm  Breakouts: Leveraging Leadership from the Board: How Do Trustees Add Value? A Charge to Boards around the Nation
Breakout 1:  James Baron, Professor, Yale School of Management & Susan Johnston, COO, AGB
Breakout 2:  Kimberly Goff-Crews, Secretary & VP for Student Life, Yale & Andy Lounder, Director of Special Projects, AGB
Breakout 3:  Dorothy Robinson, former VP & General Counsel, Yale & Chris Rasmussen, VP for Programs and Research, AGB

2:45-2:50pm  Headlines from Breakout Groups, Baker Classroom 2430
Jeffrey Sonnenfeld

2:50-2:55pm  Surprises and Reassurances, an Observer’s Perspective, Baker Classroom 2430
Elizabeth McMillen, Editor, The Chronicle of Higher Education

2:55-3:00pm  Closing Remarks, Baker Classroom 2430
Rick Legon

3:00-4:00pm  Reception, Baker Classroom 2430

I thoroughly enjoyed the day – especially since I was in higher education as a VP of Business back in the 1970s. Some of the same issues persist re board governance and dysfunction. I believe that such a constructive initiative is needed to focus on the composition of college and university boards.
Mike Ullman, Chairman, JCPenney
Board of Trustees, Gordon College

Thanks Jeff for hosting such a fascinating one-of-a-kind symposium
Nannerl Keohane, former President, Duke University and Wellesley Harvard Corporation Fellow

Ann and I enjoyed being part of the AGB Yale Leadership Summit on Higher Education. We found it most interesting and confirming much of what we do on the Cornell and Washington University Boards.
Andrew Tisch, Chairman, Loews Corporation

Thanks for the fun, meaningful candid discussion of key campus issues. Fascinating parallels across the nation. Look forward to the next one.
Bob Diamond
Chairman, Colby College
CEO, Atlas Merchant Capital