

ROBERT F. AMBACH

Robert F. Ambach has served the University of Cincinnati as the Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance since April 1, 2010. Bob is a double alumnus of UC, having earned a B.B.A. in Finance & Real Estate and a Masters in Public Administration & Economic Development. In August of 2012, Bob was the recipient of the Cincinnati Business Courier CFO of the Year Award for a Large Nonprofit Company. In his present role overseeing the division of Administration & Finance, he facilitates a broad range of financial and administrative services for students, faculty, staff, and other university stakeholders. The division strives to deliver all of its services with efficiency and in the best interests of the university. Major units of the division include Business Affairs, Community Development, Environmental Health & Safety, Finance, Human Resources, Internal Audit, Investments, Planning + Design + Construction, and Purchasing.

Bob has spent the majority of his career in Higher Education Administration and economic development. His career began as a Budget Analyst in the Office of Budget and Reporting at the University of Cincinnati. After serving two years in this capacity, he resigned for a position with the United States Peace Corps and served as a volunteer in the West African nation of Ghana. As a small enterprise developer, Bob worked in rural areas of the country, writing grant proposals, mentoring business owners, and developing marketing, accounting, and record keeping systems for small-scale enterprises.

Upon his return to the United States in 1993, Bob rejoined the staff of the University of Cincinnati. He held various positions within the Finance Division and was promoted through the ranks (System Analyst, Accountant I, Accountant II, and Senior Accountant). In 1997, he accepted the position of Assistant Director of Budget Planning in the Office of the Vice President for Finance and was later promoted to University Director of Budget Planning and served as the Interim Associate Vice President for Finance.

In March 2001, Bob accepted the position of Associate Executive Director of the Cal Poly Foundation at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Primary responsibilities at the Foundation included management of capital projects and liaison with the University on the Faculty/Staff Housing and Student Housing programs. To that end, he was also named the Managing Director of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation. Other responsibilities with the Foundation included the development and recommendation of policies and procedures related to the administration of all Foundation operations (endowment management, bookstore and food services) and representing the Foundation on various Boards and Committees on and off campus.

In February 2004, Bob returned to the University of Cincinnati as the Senior Associate Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the UC Academic Health Center, and Senior Associate Dean of Operations and Finance for the College of Medicine. The UC Academic Health Center included the College of Medicine, Cincinnati Cancer Consortium, the Hoxworth Blood Center, University Health Services as well as various centers and institutes.