

Marsha A. Chandler, Ph.D.

Dr. Marsha A. Chandler has over 30 years of experience as a visionary academic leader and highly successful administrator. As the lead consultant at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago (2015-2017), she facilitated the broad based strategic planning process that included all parts of the hospital, as well as the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern.

From 2007 to 2015, she served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. She provided strategic leadership and managed the fiscal and administrative functions of the Institute for approximately 870 researchers and 230 administrative personnel. Reporting to her were the Vice Presidents for Scientific Services, Academic and Administrative Services, Development and Communication, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel, the Executive Director of Core Research Facilities, and the Executive Director of the Office of Technology Development. She worked closely with the Board of Trustees, President, and faculty as well as the senior administrative leadership. As measured by research grants, faculty honors and awards, the quality of faculty and senior administrative recruitment, state of the art scientific core facilities, improved managerial and business practices as well as strong philanthropic support, the Salk Institute flourished under her leadership.

From 1997-2007, Dr. Chandler served as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). As UCSD's Chief Academic Officer (Provost), she was responsible for the policies and decisions relating to all academic programs and faculty appointments and performance, including the Schools of Arts and Science, the Graduate School, Medicine, Engineering, Management, International Relations and Pacific Studies, and Pharmaceutical Science. In addition, she managed the full range of fiscal and human resources within Academic Affairs.

From 1990 to 1997, Chandler was Dean of Arts and Science, the largest division at the University of Toronto, and in that capacity she was responsible for 30 academic departments (ranging from fine art to physics) spread across two campuses.

A native New Yorker, she graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and received her doctorate in Public Policy/Political Science from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2004, she completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University Business School. Marsha Chandler is a renowned scholar of political economy and comparative public policy, and is a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society of Canada, the highest academic honor bestowed in that country.

Dr. Chandler has held trustee and advisory positions in numerous organizations including: Mount Sinai Hospital and Health Center (Toronto), the Canadian Institute for advanced Research, the Board of Directors of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, La Jolla Playhouse, and the San Diego Opera. Currently, she is a Trustee of the American University in Paris and is on the Board of Directors of Biocept, Inc. (NASDAQ: BIOC), a commercial stage oncology diagnostics company. Most recently, Dr. Chandler joined the Advisory Board of Succession Equity Partners, an early stage investment company specializing in financial, advertising and healthcare technology.