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Strategic Planning Process 2024-2025

## **The Changing Landscape of Higher Education**

**August 13, 2024**

**9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

According to futurist and author Jack Uldrich, “Today is the slowest rate of change we will ever experience.” From Artificial Intelligence (AI) to quantum computing, the world is changing rapidly around us. How will these changes affect the way we teach and how our students learn? How do we teach a community of learners who are tech savvy, and have the world at their fingertips, while others are English language learners or are facing challenges? A panel of experts will offer their views on these and other questions.

### **Agenda**

9:45 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction of Keynote Keynote Address	Dr. Avis Proctor Jack Uldrich
10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:25 a.m.	Introduction of Moderator/Panelists	Dr. Ruth Williams/Maham Khan
10:30 a.m.	Q & A with Panelists	Maham Khan
10:55 a.m.	Panel and Audience Participation	All

#### **Moderator:**

- Maham Khan, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Harper College

#### **Panelists:**

- Jack Uldrich, Futurist
- Dr. Tom Bordenkircher, Vice President of Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning Commission
- Dr. Stephanie Horton, Professor of English, Harper College
- Bich-Thuy Le, Artificial Intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning Executive and member of Harper’s AI/Cloud Business and Industry Leadership Team (BILT)
- Dr. Lisa Small, Superintendent, Township High School District 211

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## **Moderator:**

### **Maham Khan**

Maham Khan, assistant professor, has taught Journalism at Harper College for five years and participated in the 2022-2023 Social Justice Leadership Cohort.

## **Panelists:**

### **Jack Uldrich**

Jack Uldrich is a well-recognized global futurist, speaker, and the author of 14 books, including award-winning best sellers. He is a frequent speaker on technology, change management and leadership and has addressed hundreds of corporations, associations and not-for-profit organizations on five continents.

He regularly makes appearances on major media outlets and is also an ongoing contributor on emerging technologies and future trends for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Wired Magazine* and *Inc.*

Jack is a former naval intelligence officer and Defense Department official. He served as the director of the Minnesota Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning under Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura. His book *Business as Unusual: A Futurist's Unorthodox, Unconventional, and Uncomfortable Guide to Doing Business* has helped many navigate trends that emerged and converged during the past four years. His most recent book *A Smarter Farm: How AI is Revolutionizing the Future of Agriculture* was released in November 2023.

### **Dr. Tom Bordenkircher**

Dr. Tom Bordenkircher is the vice president of accreditation relations at the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and has experience in P-12 public education, higher education, county and state government policy and leadership, national foundation leadership, and specialized accreditation. Prior to coming to HLC, Dr. Bordenkircher was senior consultant and state director for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's STEM Teaching Fellowship Program.

### **Dr. Stephanie Horton**

Dr. Stephanie Horton is a professor of English at Harper College. A Medievalist by training, she has taught English composition and literature courses at Harper for over 11 years. Her pedagogy centers balancing compassion and rigor, flexibility, and accountability to facilitate engaged student learning. Dr. Horton is currently Grievance Officer for the Faculty Union, has co-led the Equity Strategic Plan Goal Team, and serves as a faculty mentor in both formal and informal capacities.

### **Bich-Thuy Le**

Bich-Thuy Le is a member of Harper's Artificial Intelligence/Cloud Business and Industry Leadership Team and has over 20 years of diverse experience in working with executives from startups to Fortune 500 companies to navigate through the ever-changing technology landscape. Whether it is defining the technology vision and roadmap for the global enterprise or developing a highly effective organization, she has led and delivered many strategic initiatives that leverage leading-edge technologies.

### **Dr. Lisa Small**

Dr. Lisa Small serves as the superintendent of Township High School District 211. Prior to being named superintendent, Dr. Small served as associate superintendent for instruction for six years and was instrumental in increasing advanced placement opportunities, as well as dual credit and career pathways course offerings, and implementing the district's new wellness program and Student Readiness Plan.