Planning for the Future: The Next CIO

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What prevents IT professionals from pursuing CIO positions?

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1. Too much time dealing with politics / power struggles: 35
2. Would prefer to stay hands-on with technology: 11
3. Sometimes CIOs have less clout than other C-level positions: 2
4. Higher education IT challenges can feel overwhelming: 10
5. It can be difficult to have work / life balance: 16
What makes the higher education CIO position very attractive?

- **1HUGE**: Can have a huge positive impact on your inst. and beyond. 38
- **2RICH**: Campus technology is exciting and rich with challenges. 10
- **3WORK**: Can create a work culture that empowers IT professionals. 7
- **4EDUC**: Working collaboratively in higher ed is deeply satisfying. 8
- **5FUN**: Being a CIO is about setting and achieving a vision, i.e., fun! 21

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What kinds of high-impact decisions do CIOs make?
Engagement and alignment with campus leaders
Strategies for the present and future

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High level technology architecture
IT risk profile
Budget allocation and funding

From “The Flippin Project”
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Determining which battles to fight
How are these high-impact decisions made?
Top Ten Strategies for Surviving and Thriving as a CIO
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8. Cultivate partnerships.
7. Be a good steward.
6. Be proactive.
5. Manage vendors and projects.
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Which career barrier is the most challenging?

I’m viewed only in my current role rather than in my potential.

There isn’t any room to grow and moving is not an option for me.

I don’t want to be in a position focused on bureaucratic and personnel issues.

I’m not viewed as having the skills or credentials for promotion.

1VIEW 24
2GROW 40
3ADMIN
4CRED 11

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Which career support below would be most helpful?

A mentoring program with individual career coaching: 37

Participation in a cross-training program to broaden your skills base: 18

A 'learning the business of higher education' training program: 20

Self-awareness and interpersonal skills training, including public speaking skills: 9
Questions
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