



## Lawrence Abele

Dr. Lawrence G. “Larry” Abele is a national authority on the use of student and institutional data to redesign academic programs and student support systems. As the Director of the Institute for Academic Leadership at the State University System of Florida and Provost at Florida State University he has improved retention and graduation rates through a strong commitment to data-driven actions and focused attention to details.

Abele has demonstrated that success and progress requires many actions sustained over a long period of time. Some examples of successful actions he has been involved with include creating Freshmen Interest Groups; adding a “Successful Learning Strategy” course; adding tutors, both drop-in and by appointment, for certain courses; adding advisors; and adding coaches. To the extent possible, each of these actions was tested with randomized, controlled trials.