Kamalika Sandell

Kamalika Sandell is the CIO at New Jersey Institute of Technology. She and her team have served as the architects of NJIT's Digital Strategy incorporating new structures, roles, technology, and governance to modernize and change how IT operates at NJIT. Prior to her current role at NJIT, Kamalika served as the Associate CIO at American University where she was responsible for leading strategy development, budget planning, user experience, program management, enterprise applications, enterprise architecture, and technology operations. Kamalika has deep experience leading strategic initiatives across multiple industries – financial services, higher education, manufacturing, industrial, and retail. Kamalika's work with holistic student experience as part of RiSE (Reinventing the Student Experience) at American University helped fuel conversations at the national level where integration of student services and integrative experience in a complex academic setting translated into a multi-year plan that permeated changes in all areas of services incorporating holistic academic, social, psychological, and mental health considerations.

Having navigated corporate and academic organizations, Kamalika is passionate about developing higher education strategies in collaboration with corporations that help drive the mission of higher education forward. Kamalika was a key influencer in getting Business Intelligence companies like Microstrategy and Tableau to start offering free academic classes and has been at the forefront of similar conversations now with AWS. Kamalika serves on Dell's Higher Education Advisory Board and Microsoft Higher Education Advisory Board to ensure higher-ed receives much needed attention within corporations. She has championed partnerships with corporations and developed models that have been amplified over time and translated to provide immense value as partnership offerings. A national Women in Technology award recipient, Kamalika is passionate about influencing more women to adopt technology based careers and has participated in several Women in Technology initiatives. NERCOMP's mission of promoting strategic partnerships and advancing innovation through communities of practice is appealing and the only way in which universities can excel in solving complex challenges inherent with embracing digital, where threats and opportunities are both magnified.

If elected to NERCOMP's Board of Trustees, Kamalika will work to enhance services by:

- collaborating with members to strategically position NERCOMP as an influencer for the community
- developing partnerships with organizations and corporations;
- developing new initiatives that serve the member community better;