

Roy Arnold



Roy Arnold, Provost Emeritus, Oregon State University, has served in major leadership roles in two land-grant universities. He began his higher education faculty career in 1967 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UN-L), and later served as Assistant Director and Interim Director of Resident Instruction in the College of Agriculture, Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, Dean and Director of the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, and Vice Chancellor of the UN-L Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In 1987, he was appointed Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU). He served as OSU Provost and Executive Vice President from 1991 – 2000, and as Executive Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences until 2006.

In both Nebraska and Oregon, Arnold championed the integration of research and extension functions statewide. Working with industry and state agency leaders, Arnold provided vision and leadership in the establishment of the Food Processing Center at UN-L and the Food Innovation Center in Portland, Oregon. Both of these entities continue to provide food processing and marketing technical support to food industry clientele.

Arnold supported the development and initiation of the APLU Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) for over a decade, initially helping to facilitate the work of the design team that developed the grant proposal to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund the establishment of the program. He then served on the Advisory Committee to FSLI in its initial years and on the APLU Food Systems Leadership Commission for nine years. He is strongly committed to the broad, holistic systems perspective of food and society and the integration of perspectives of agriculture, health, environment, economics and communities embodied in the food systems concept. Arnold currently serves on the advisory board of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences Leadership Academy and has facilitated peer mentoring groups for newly appointed department heads and other administrators at OSU.

Arnold earned his B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Oregon State University. He served in 1994-95 as national president of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), a 28,000 member organization of food professionals from industry, academia and government. He received distinguished teaching awards from UN-L and IFT, and is a Fellow in both IFT and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.