Bio: Ira R. Weiss, Ph.D., Dean, NC State University Poole College of Management

Ira R. Weiss, Ph.D., CPA, joined North Carolina State University as the third dean of the Poole College of Management in December 2004. Prior to joining NC State, he served as dean at Northeastern University in Boston, dean of The Madrid Business School in Spain, vice president and chief information officer of the University of Houston, and held faculty positions in accounting and information technology at New York University and the University of Houston.

Since coming to NC State, he has focused much of his efforts on building corporate external relationships, branding the college for its emphasis on technology and innovation management, incorporating an academic and research emphasis on sustainability, developing a growth plan that will increase both the size of the student body and faculty by one third, and creating new degree and executive programs. An outcome of these activities combined with the efforts of the faculty and staff led to the naming of the Jenkins Graduate School of Management within the college in 2007. In December 2010, the college was named the Lonnie C. Poole College of Management.

With the naming of the Poole College, Dr. Weiss also announced plans to establish a center of excellence in sustainability in the college. He also has been active in developing international experiential learning opportunities for students in the college, and currently serves as president of the International Partnership of Business Schools (IPBS), of which Poole College is a member.

Dr. Weiss has extensive business experience both as a practicing CPA and a consultant to Fortune 500 companies. He has lectured extensively throughout the world on topics ranging from globalization to competitive advantage through technology and breakthrough innovations.

He received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and his master of science and Ph.D. from the University of California-Los Angeles. He and his wife Michele have been married for over 30 years and have two grown children.