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Michael Trick is the dean and chief academic officer of Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, a campus that opened its doors in Doha's Education City in 2004 and today offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science and information systems. He was appointed in 2017.

Dr. Trick joined the faculty of Carnegie Mellon University in 1989 after completing his Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Georgia Tech. He is a researcher and educator in the field of operations research, with a specialization in computational methods in optimization. A dedicated educator, he is a two-time recipient of the George Leland Bach Award for best teacher in CMU's Tepper School of Business MBA program.

Dr. Trick has a wealth of experience in educational leadership. From 1998 through 2005, he was president of the Carnegie Bosch Institute for Applied Studies in International Management. At the Tepper School of Business, he served as associate dean of research, senior associate dean of education and senior associate dean of faculty and research.

In the field of operations research, Dr. Trick has helped bring together academics and professionals through his service in INFORMS, the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. He has served as president of INFORMS and remains a fellow of the society. Dr. Trick continues to serve as president of IFORS, the International Federation of Operational Research Societies, which is an umbrella organization of fifty-one societies whose members comprise more than 30,000 operations research academics and professionals.

Dr. Trick is the author of more than fifty professional publications and is the editor of six volumes of refereed articles. He has consulted extensively with the United States Postal Service on supply chain design, with Major League Baseball and a number of college basketball conferences on scheduling issues, and with telecommunications organizations on bandwidth allocation. Dr. Trick was part of a US Federal Communication Commission (FCC) team that received the 2018 Franz Edelman Award for Achievement in Advanced Analytics, Operations Research, and Management Science. The team created a revolutionary approach to meet the demand for the spectrum used for wireless communication in North America.