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John R. Donnelly currently serves as Vice President at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in Decatur, Georgia. He was appointed Vice President in December 2024. In that role he has administrative and management responsibilities for the quality and integrity of SACSCOC policies, processes, and procedures for an assigned portfolio of colleges and universities.

Prior to his current appointment he served as Vice President for Instruction and Student Affairs at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, Virginia from 2010 to 2024. In that role he was the college’s Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer, providing leadership and administrative oversight of academic and student development programs and services. John also served as Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, and Dean of Instruction at the Locust Grove Campus of Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

John started his career in higher education as an adjunct instructor of history at Germanna Community College and he served full-time there as an Associate Professor of History. He has also been a member of the adjunct faculty in the History Department at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, and a member of the adjunct faculty at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, Massachusetts. He has taught as an adjunct faculty member in the University of Virginia’s School of Education and Human Development.

John has a bachelor’s degree in French from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a bachelor’s degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He holds a master’s degree in history focusing on pre-modern Europe from Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.