

Harlan Sands

Vice Dean of Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer

Finance and Administration

Harlan Sands leads all finance and administrative functions for Wharton: including Facilities and Operations, Wharton Computing, Human Resources and WRDS. He works collaboratively across the University representing the school with executive and financial University leadership and will work with Wharton's Executive Boards of volunteer leaders to help formulate and execute the School's strategic priorities.

Sands joined Wharton in 2017 after serving as Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer at the University of Louisville. He was responsible for University-wide, day-to-day operations related to financial affairs, business affairs, human resources, information technology, internal audit/institutional compliance, and other campus operations.

Prior to his position at Louisville, Sands was Vice Provost for Administration and Quality Improvement at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. There, he served as the senior operations administrator for the Provost. His responsibilities included budget and finance, enrollment management, and student support operations. He also spent 8 years at Florida International University as an Associate Vice President for Research/Research Center Executive Director, Associate Dean of the College of Health and Urban Affairs, and faculty member/lecturer in the Department of Criminal Justice.

Sands has more than 10 years of military service including positions as a Naval Reserve Intelligence Manager and Special Assistant to the Director of Naval Intelligence for Technology. He received two Naval Commendation Medals during Operation Desert Storm and a Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation for the Space Shuttle Challenger recovery. Harlan has also served as an assistant public defender in Miami.

Sands holds a JD from George Mason University and an MBA with a major in finance from George Washington University. He is an undergraduate alumnus of the Wharton School.