

John R. Crooks has been the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Eastern Gateway Community College since 2020. He has assisted with the formation of the Student Government Association, the Oak Tree Literary Journal led by students, and supported many student functions. He has helped the institution grow its number of faculty and promoted the idea of greater faculty-student interaction. He has worked closely with faculty leadership in creating a Handbook for Curriculum Committee and was member of the team that created the most recent collective bargaining agreement. He has also focused on student success, assessment of student learning, and academic rigor. Prior to joining the staff at EGCC, Dr. Crooks was previously the Associate Provost of the University Partnership at Lorain County Community College. He also served as the Dean of Science and Mathematics at LCCC for seven years and was Director of Distance Learning for a period of six years. Prior to this position, Dr. Crooks was Chair of the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science and also an Associate Professor of Biology at Iowa Wesleyan College. Dr. Crooks received his BS and MS in Biology from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), and his PhD in Biology from Bowling Green State University. He is a life member of the Missouri Academy of Science, the Ohio Academy of Sciences and Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. He also has membership in AAAS, Community College Baccalaureate Association (CCBA), and served as the college's liaison for the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) at Lorain County Community College. Dr. Crooks has served on the OAS Science policy committee and has reviewed scholarship applications for the Ohio Academy of Science, and has been a reviewer for Science Net Links and Science Books & Films. He has had students and faculty present at several venues including State Academy of Science meetings and the AAAS annual meeting. Dr. Crooks has also served as a judge for area science fairs and was formerly the Director of the Region IV Science Olympiad. He has been involved with several funded grant proposals and has presented papers in several venues worldwide. He has served on the Ohio K-12 Academic Content Standards Science Writing Team and presented at Ohio Mathematics and Science Meetings. Dr. Crooks has also developed and coordinated a grant-funded Young Women STEM summer camp program (program for female students in grades 5-8 and focuses on Lego robotics, biotechnology, and German).