BIO – Dr. Pete McCown



**Short Bio**

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Prior to taking on that role in 2011, McCown served as a professor of business and vice president for advancement at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Pete and his wife, Wendy, have been married for more than 30 years, are the parents of five adult children, and have one grandchild.

**Long Bio**

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In 2014, he was appointed one of five members of the board for the South Bend—Elkhart Regional Development Authority. He has been instrumental in determining how best to invest state money in the region, spurring additional quality-of-life projects, and overseeing several processes to guide future planning.

From 2004 to 2011, McCown served as a professor of business and vice president for advancement at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Prior to that, he was vice president for advancement at Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York.

He has graduate degrees from the State University of New York—a master’s in education and a doctorate in social science—and Indiana Wesleyan University, where he earned a master’s in business administration.

McCown is a consultant for numerous colleges and seminaries on fundraising and leadership development.

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