



Lean Success Breakout Session A: Industry-Government Infrastructure

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Industry-Government Infrastructure

Main Presentations:

- **Lean Now in Turbine Engine Development / Sustainment Process**
 - [Ed Kraft](#)
- **Sustaining the Lean Movement in the Global Hawk SPO**
 - [Ronald Jobo](#)

Short Presentation & Discussion Lead:

- **Partnering for learning: Corporate-University Alliances**
 - **George Roth**



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Partnering for learning: University-Corporate Alliances

What are they?

- Multi-year, multi-project agreements to work together in important strategic and research areas
- MIT: Amgen, Merck, Ford, NTT, Merrill Lynch, DuPont, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard
- 20% of MIT's corporate research volume

How do they work?

- Top-level involvement from MIT and company
- Setting a strategic agenda
- Operational simplicity - letting organizations be creative in working with one another, small executive and operating committees
- Attaining value from multiple streams of activities
 - Research, relationships and advice from faculty, broader understanding of technical and research trends, education, hiring good students, standard setting, influence regulation and policy

What have we learned?

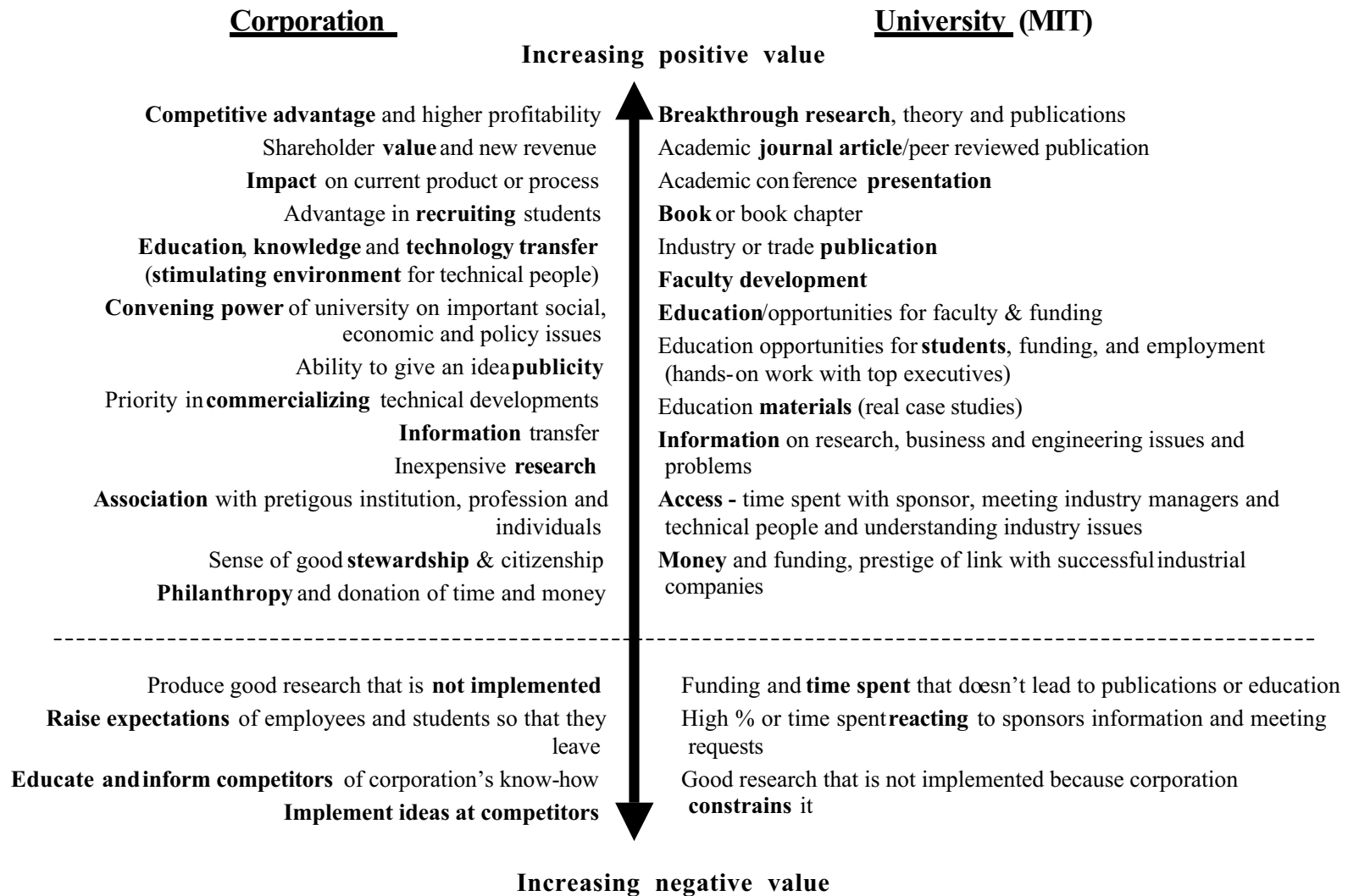


MIT'S corporate-university Alliances

<u>Year started</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Departments/fields</u>
1994	Amgen	30M in 10 years	Biology
1997	Merck	15M in 5 years	Biology
1997	Ford	20M in 5 years	All MIT – Engineering Product Development and Environmental Policy & Science
1998	NTT	18M in 5 years	Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science Laboratory
1999	Merrill Lynch	20M in 5 years	Sloan & Engineering – Financial Engineering
1999	DuPont	35M in 5 years	Chemistry, Biology, Biomedical & Materials engineering
1999	Microsoft	25M in 5 years	All MIT – Educational innovations
2000	Hewlett Packard	25M in 5 years	All MIT – digital libraries, software



Partnering for learning: Alliance Sources of Value





Partnering for learning: Alliance Benefits at multiple levels

Level of benefit:

Societal:

industry, academia
and government
levels

- ✍ set industry standards
- ✍ model for global environmental stewardship
- ✍ educate future leaders
- ✍ transfer knowledge
- ✍ influence policy

Organization al:

alliance, strategic
company and institute
levels

- ✍ share strategies
- ✍ shape each other's futures
- ✍ co-location
- ✍ understanding of complex system design principles
- ✍ greater credibility

COMPANY SPECIFIC

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC

- ✍ hiring
- ✍ new knowledge
- ✍ innovative technology
- ✍ novel business models
- ✍ market opportunities
- ✍ competitive advantage
- ✍ improved marketplace reputation
- ✍ inventive spirit
- ✍ development of workforce

- ✍ job opportunities
- ✍ new research
- ✍ industry relationships
- ✍ teachable knowledge
- ✍ funding, access and support
- ✍ understanding of real world problems

Local/individual:

Individuals:
executive, manager,
faculty, staff &
student levels

- ✍ source of project support
- ✍ insight and learning
- ✍ advice
- ✍ consulting

- ✍ funding
- ✍ access and data
- ✍ feedback
- ✍ impact
- ✍ consulting



Partnering for learning: University-Corporate Alliances

MIT Partnership study “best practices”

- Adherence to standard MIT policies
- Transparent governance structure that encourages faculty proposals
- Match of interests of the sponsoring company and faculty
- Realistic match of expectations with deliverables
- Leadership at executive (strategic), line (operational) and network (knowledge) roles
 - Dedicated company staff as well as significant participation by senior management
 - Committed MIT faculty and staff
- Fellowship support for graduate students and links to post doc, graduate, and undergraduate students for internships and employment



Partnering for learning: University-Corporate Alliances

What questions and focus does a partnering-for-learning focus bring to Industry-Government Infrastructure for Lean Success?

- What mechanisms are in place to facilitate learning and change?
 - Improvement in performance is main goal
 - Developing and retaining capability for continuous improvement is secondary goal
- How are different constituencies or stakeholders involved?
 - Program team, suppliers and customers
 - Management, engineering, production, acquisition, sustainment, accounting and finance
 - Executive, line and network leadership roles

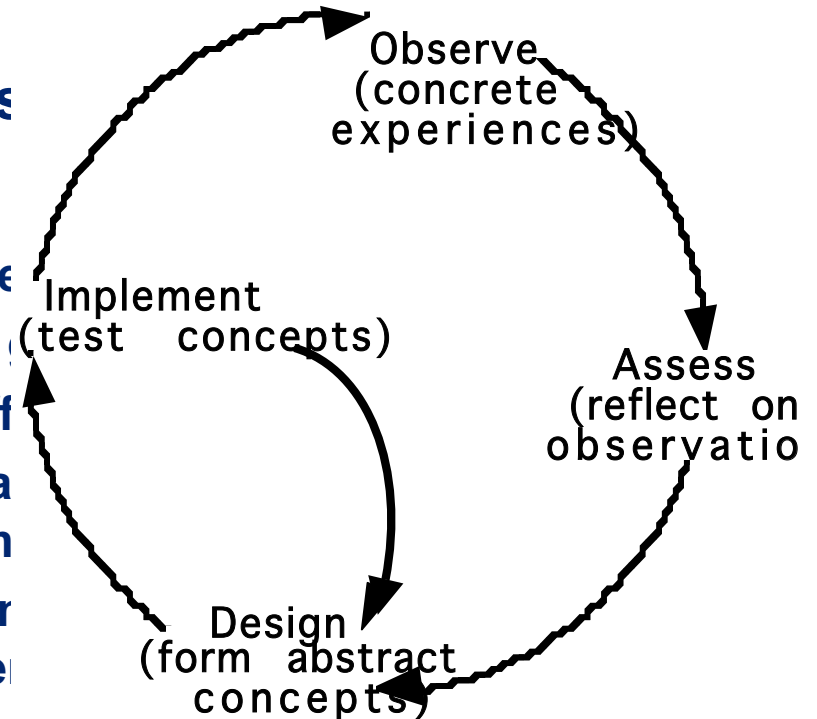
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Common features of lean success

Lean Now Processes

- Common “best practices” for lean
- Industry SMEs partnering with government
- “Spotlight” on improvement efforts
- Fresh and enthusiastic lean lean approaches applied “just in time”
- Broad and appropriate engagement learning and subsequent implementation



Content

- Multi-year technical programs involving multiple functional and organizational stakeholders – *enterprise challenges*

Conditions and process include technical and organizational complexity –
require integration of behavioural and analytical approaches



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Lean Now in Turbine Engine Development / Sustainment Process

- Truly a capital “E” enterprise effort
 - Multiple programs, services and companies
- Preplanning scope of improvement effort
 - Based on overall enterprise (acquisition) with specific focus (engine testing)
 - Initiating at most senior, strategic and decision-making levels
 - Constituting team(s) with knowledgeable people and decision-makers
 - Facilitators with process knowledge and stakeholder links
- EVSMA event & follow up

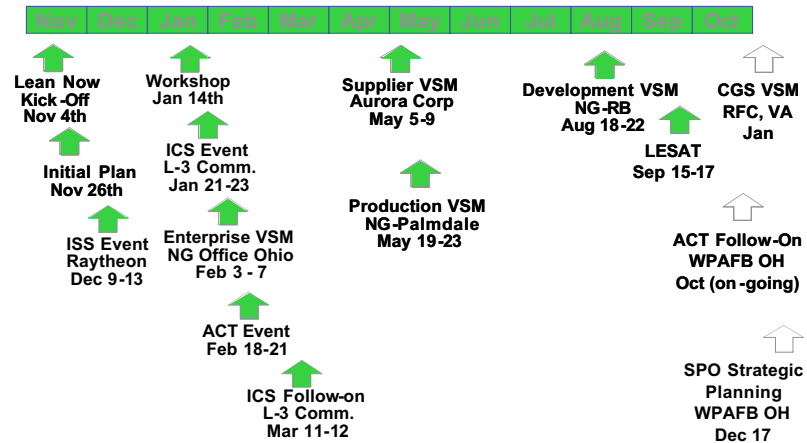


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Sustaining the Lean Movement in the Global Hawk SPO

- Initial Lean Now Project
- Embedding “lean” in spiral development process
- Challenges of sustaining change and *continuous* improvement
- Moving beyond program to customers and suppliers – how do you promote change?





Session Questions

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1. What enables and sustains improvement and change over time?

- Leadership?
- Programmatic focus?
 - (Did LESAT help Global Hawk?)
- Today's (or yesterday's) success is not a predictor of tomorrow's success, especially when conditions change

2. What inhibits learning and implementing change?

- Not enough time? Not enough help? Walking talk?
- Anxiety? Measurement? True Believers?
- Governance? Diffusion? Purpose?

Strategic Framework (TTL) or capability-based model (reinforcing & balancing forces)?



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3. What were the surprises that were learned in gaining

- engagement,
- alignment,
- implementing change, and
- sustaining improvement and change

across organizations?

4. How do you address the cost vs. return question?

- Who has the authority to make assessments of human capital investments?
 - easy to measure costs
 - hard to determine lost revenue/improvement
 - passion for investment in learning
 - need for intersection of passion and authority



Session Questions Industry-Government Infrastructure

Summary of questions to presenters:

- 1. What enabled change?**
- 2. What inhibited change?**
- 3. What were surprises in gaining and maintaining change across organizations?**
- 4. Costs of improvement program?**