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As Associate Vice Chancellor for Community College Partnership at The University of Texas System, Dr. Ellis coordinates the UT System community college transfer initiatives to promote collaboration between the 50 community college districts and UT institutions and address statewide policy issues impacting transfer. She also chairs the executive committee for the UT distance education shared service alliance and works with the UT System Leadership Institute. Dr. Ellis is an adjunct professor in the Educational Administration Department at UT Austin, and serves on the Gulf Coast PASS advisory board. She is the facilitator for the Future Leaders Institute for Workforce Development for the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Ellis has 28 years of experience in community colleges in Texas. Prior to coming the UT System, Ellis was president of Lee College in Baytown, Texas. She has also served as president of Texas State Technical College in Waco, and held various leadership positions as well as being a charter faculty member at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas. She began her professional career at Eastfield College, part of the Dallas County Community College District.

Ellis was recognized by the Texas House of Representatives and the U. S. Congress for her outstanding leadership. She has won numerous teaching awards, has scholarly publications, and has been a presenter at national conferences on leadership development, economic development, strategic partnership, information technology, and crisis management. She has volunteered on various chamber, economic development, and hospital boards.

Dr. Ellis is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences and the American Psychological Association. She recently completed 6 years as a Commissioner for the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and has served on the Board of the American Association of Community Colleges. She was president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities.

In addition to her PhD from the University of North Texas, Ellis has a Master of Science degree from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a bachelor's degree from American Christian College. She completed post-graduate work at Columbia University in New York, an internship at the Albert Ellis Institute New York, and the President's Institute at Harvard University.