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David has been a strong academic leader and a successful business entrepreneur who established a health benefits company that became an industry standard. He began his academic career as assistant professor of finance at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He moved to the University of Florida and then to Texas Tech University as an associate professor before spending 10 years at the University of Central Florida, rising to the rank of professor of finance, chair of the finance department, and Fellow of the Phillips Institute for the Study of American Business Activity. He joined Cal Poly in 2005. He is author or co-author of several books and numerous journal articles, and is active in a number of professional associations.

Prior to joining Cal Poly – Pomona, Klock spent 11 years as chairman and CEO of CompBenefits Corporation, a health care benefits provider. He joined the company in 1991 as president. He led CompBenefits as it became a publicly traded company of 800 employees with more than \$300 million in revenue. David has served on a number of corporate boards, including Cheesecake Factory and Province Healthcare.

He earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Northeastern University in Boston and earned a master's degree and doctorate in finance from the University of Illinois.