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James L. Melsa served as dean of engineering at ISU from 1995-2004, a time of new record enrollments and increases in research expenditures and endowed professorships. As dean, Melsa led a transformation that included construction of the Engineering Teaching and Research Complex, revamping the undergraduate curricula, and expanding internships, co-ops, and research and technology transfer activities. Melsa also held three vice-president roles at Tellabs, Inc., a global supplier to the telecommunications industry. Melsa was recognized as one of the nation's outstanding professors in control and estimation theory, speech encoding, and digital signal processing. He was elected as Fellow of IEEE and ASEE.

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