

## **"CUMU Appoints new Executive Committee Members"**

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. John Christensen** as Chair of the CUMU Program and Policy Committee and **Dr. Wim Wiewel** as Member-at-Large. Dr. Christensen will be replacing Dr. Nancy Zimpher in this role as she transitions into her new role as Chancellor of The State University of New York. Dr. Wiewel will be replacing Dr. Christensen in his previous role on the Executive Committee.

Dr. Christensen currently serves as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Dr. Christensen has previously served as Dean of the College of Education and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNO. He is a widely respected scholar on Speech Pathology and K-16 partnerships within Urban and Metropolitan communities. He has served on the CUMU Executive Committee since October 2008.

Dr. Wiewel is the President of Portland State University. He has a long history of involvement with CUMU, serving as a presenter in previous years when he was Provost at the University of Baltimore. Dr. Wiewel is a nationally recognized expert in urban planning and has authored several books and articles including "Global Universities and Urban Development" and "Partnerships for Smart Growth."

CUMU represents a group of universities who have realized the value of working together with peers from similar institutions with comparable characteristics. In the challenging environment that higher education finds itself, the Coalition provides the opportunities to network with colleagues experiencing the same issues. Widener University will host the annual conference in Philadelphia October 10-13, 2009 focusing on "Building Community Resiliency: The Role of University Leadership."

Please visit the CUMU website for updates regarding the upcoming conference at [www.cumuonline.org](http://www.cumuonline.org).

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