



The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Steven Diner as President of CUMU and Dr. John Welty as Vice President. Dr. Karen White, who previously served as President of the Coalition, recently stepped down as the Regional Chancellor of University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Dr. White was instrumental in the establishment of the Coalition and has been an integral leader throughout the organization's 20 year history.

Dr. Diner currently serves as Chancellor of Rutgers University in Newark, N.J. and is an urban historian who specializes in the study of urban universities. Prior to being appointed as President he served in numerous Executive Committee positions including Vice President and Chair of the Conference Committee.

Dr. Welty has served as President of California State University Fresno since 1991 and is recognized nationally as a leader in planning for the future, teacher education reform, information technology planning, substance abuse prevention, service learning and intercollegiate athletics. Dr. Welty has a long history of service to the Coalition and will be hosting the annual CUMU conference in 2010.

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 and strategic planning meeting at www.cumuonline.org.

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