Breaking New Ground: Emerging Strategies in Utilizing Data to Reframe the Conversations on Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

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Dr. Angela Bell is the Associate Vice Chancellor of Research and Policy Analysis of the University System of Georgia. Her division is responsible for meeting the information needs of the University System ranging from overseeing collection of campus data, responding to internal and external data requests, and conducting research and analysis to guide planning, policy, and decision making. Before coming to the USG, Angela worked at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission as the Vice Chancellor of Policy and Planning. She is a Fellow at the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Student Financial Aid. She earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and M.Ed. in Language Education at the University of Georgia and her B.A. in Classics at Princeton University.

Ms. Arlethia Perry-Johnson served most recently as vice president of marketing at Kennesaw State University (KSU), where she was charged with managing the external positioning, branding and visual identity of the 35,000-student public university. Ms. Perry-Johnson joined KSU after serving as the chief communications officer/associate vice chancellor for media and publications with the University System of Georgia (USG). For fifteen years, while serving Georgia’s Board of Regents and Kennesaw State, Ms. Perry-Johnson simultaneously served as the founding project director of the University System of Georgia’s African-American Male Initiative (AAMI) – a statewide BOR-funded program that impacts the recruitment, retention and graduation of Black males within the USG. The nationally recognized program has contributed to thousands of Black males earning college degrees from USG institutions. Ms. Perry-Johnson retired from KSU in July 2017, after 30 years of service to public higher education in four states.

Dr. Tristan Denley currently serves as Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at the University System of Georgia. Before moving to Georgia in May 2017 he served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents from August 2013 until May 2017, and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Austin Peay State University from January 2009. Originally from Penzance, England, Dr. Denley earned his PhD in Mathematics from Trinity College Cambridge, and held positions in Sweden, Canada, and the University of Mississippi before coming to Tennessee. At Ole Miss he served as Chair of Mathematics, and Senior Fellow of the Residential College program. In 2016 Dr. Denley was selected as one of the Washington Monthly’s sixteen most innovative people in Higher Education, one of the Center for Digital Education’s Top 30 Technologists, Transformers and Trailblazers and was invited to the White House to address recipients of President Obama’s First in the World grants as a model of what could be achieved by a higher education system. He was the recipient of the 2016 Newel Perry Award from the National Federation of the Blind for his leadership of a systemic approach to the accessibility of educational content. Dr. Denley began 2017 by being named as one of five higher education leaders to watch in 2017 (and beyond) by Education Dive.
Morning Session: BH-211

7:30 a.m.  Registration
Informal Breakfast Roundtable Discussions

9:00 a.m.  Opening Ceremony, Dr. Yves Rose Porcena, Chief Diversity Officer, UWG
Institution Welcome, Dr. Christopher Blake, President, MGSU

9:15 a.m.  Utilizing Data to Frame the Conversation on Diversity and Inclusion
Moderator: Dr. Veronica Womack, Chief Diversity Officer, GCSU
Presenter: Dr. Angie Bell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Policy Analysis, USG

10:15 a.m.  The USG’s AAMI Story: A National Model
Moderator: Ms. Sabrina Thompson, Assistant Project Director, USG
Presenter: Ms. Arlethia Perry-Johnson, Founding Executive Director for the AAMI

Networking Luncheon: 11:15 a.m.  BH-211

Concurrent Sessions: 12:15 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Room- 211
Exploring Dimensions of Diversity within Complete College Georgia
Moderator: Dr. Michelle Garfield-Cook, Chief Diversity Officer, UGA
Presenter: Dr. Robert Todd, Director of Policy and Partnership Development, USG

Room- 212
Data Workshop: Accessing and Utilizing Data to Support Your Institution’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
Moderator: Ms. Sabrina Thompson, Assistant Project Director, USG
Presenter: Dr. Rachana Bhatt, Research Associate, USG

Concurrent Sessions: 1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BH-212
Student Veteran Voices and Experiences: Using Data to Ensure Success
Moderator: Dr. Erik Malewski, Chief Diversity Officer, KSU
Panelists: Mr. Frank Wills and Mr. Richard Sisk

Room- 211
Utilizing Data to Frame the Conversation on Disabilities
Moderators: Ms. Linda Nelson, Chief Diversity Officer, GSU
Dr. Yves-Rose Porcena, Chief Diversity Officer, UWG
Presenters: Dr. Christopher Lee, Exec. Director-AMAC Accessibility Research Solutions Center, GIT and Dr. Will Lindstrom, Director of Regents Center for Learning Disorders, UGA
Refreshment Break: 2:00 p.m. BH-211

Closing Plenary: 2:10 p.m. BH-211

The Momentum Year: Creating Pathways for Success for the Underserved Student Population

Moderator: Dr. Felita Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Partnerships & Accreditation, USG

Presenter: Dr. Tristan Denley, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, USG

Closing Remarks: 3:10 p.m.

Dr. Felita Williams

2017 USG Diversity and Inclusion Planning Committee:

Dr. Michelle Garfield Cook, Chief Diversity Officer- University of Georgia
Dr. Archie Ervin, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer- Georgia Institute of Technology
Dr. Erik Malewski, Chief Diversity Officer- Kennesaw State University
Ms. Linda Nelson, Chief Diversity Officer- Georgia State University
Dr. Yves-Rose Porcena, Chief Diversity Officer- University of West Georgia
Dr. Lindsey West, Interim Chief Diversity Officer- Augusta State University
Dr. Veronica Womack, Chief Diversity Officer- Georgia College and State University
Dr. Felita Williams- University System of Georgia
Ms. Sabrina Thompson- University System of Georgia