



UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Biography of Dr. Steve Wrigley



The Board of Regents named Dr. Steve Wrigley the 13th chancellor of the University System of Georgia effective January 1, 2017. He oversees 26 public colleges and universities with a \$8.8 billion annual budget, more than 48,000 faculty and staff, and 320,000 students. The Georgia Public Library System and the Georgia Archives are also part of the University System. He currently serves on the Alliance of Education Agency Heads and is a member of the board of the Georgia Wildlife Federation. In the past, he served on the boards of the Nature Conservancy of Georgia and the Georgia Humanities Council.

Prior to becoming chancellor, Dr. Wrigley served as executive vice chancellor of administration for the University System of Georgia from June 2011 until his appointment as Chancellor. As executive vice chancellor of administration, Wrigley oversaw the day-to-day operations of the System's budget, facilities, Information Technology Services, human resources, legal affairs and strategic planning units.

Wrigley formerly served as senior vice president for external affairs, as well as vice president for government relations, at the University of Georgia. He also served as Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Prior to his work in the University System, Wrigley worked in state government in Georgia, including five years as chief of staff to former Governor Zell Miller.

During his career, Wrigley has worked on a number of key issues, including the creation of the state lottery and the HOPE scholarship, along with campus consolidations within the University System of Georgia.

Wrigley earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University and his doctorate in history from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

He and his wife, Lynne, have two children and reside in Clarke County.