Dr. Corey S. Bradford – Biography

Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr. has 23 years of higher education experience in managing complex financial and administrative functions. His current title is Senior Vice President for Business Affairs at Prairie View A&M University. He provides fiscal stewardship over hundreds of millions of dollars annually. He advises the University President and other senior officers on important financial matters such as resource allocation, tuition policies, salary administrative support services to enhance the instructional, research, and public service missions of the University. He assumes an active and collaborative role in strategic planning, policy development, administrative oversight, and resource analysis for the University. He has a track record of effective management and professional accomplishments.

At his previous employer SIU, he helped the University to secure billions of state appropriations during his tenure. He implemented a new budget and planning system that tied new funding to the highest university priorities, invested targeted amounts into asset maintenance annually, established a contingency fund, and provided greater Board of Trustee involvement into the University budget process. He chaired a statewide consortium of public universities engaged in sharing purchasing power to reduce the cost of goods and services. He led an economic development effort to revitalize a not-for-profit organization in East St. Louis called Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts & Humanities. He served on multiple public advisory boards including the Carbondale Park District and the SIUC College of Business. Dr. Bradford was also an advisor to several student organizations including academic, faith-based, and fraternal organizations; and served on numerous university wide committees and taskforce.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in business administration from SIUE in 1993, his M.S. degree in applied math and statistics from SIUE in 1995, attended Harvard University Graduate School of Education Management Development Program in 2005, and earned a Ph.D. degree in higher education and educational administration at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2008.