

LINDA MORRIS WILLIAMS

Associate President University of California

Employment History

Linda Morris Williams is the Associate President for the University of California, Office of the President located in Oakland, California. Reporting directly to the President, she serves as the President's principal administrative and policy advisor and helps coordinate the activities of many different organizations across the Office of the President and the larger University community. She began her appointment as Associate President in October 2003.

Linda Morris Williams has worked for the University of California for the past 16 years. During this time she gained a reputation as a highly capable and personable administrator who made a substantial contribution toward identifying and addressing the needs of staff in the University.

She began her service at the University of California, San Diego in 1988 as the Office Manager for the Office of Capital Planning & Budgeting. In 1992, she accepted the position of Management Services Officer for the Graduate School of International Relations & Pacific Studies. In 1996, Williams accepted a fellowship in the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, in which she served for one year. She was then appointed Director of Administration for Academic Affairs.

In 1997, Linda Morris Williams was appointed Associate Chancellor at UCSD, and served in this role until October 2003. In her role as Associate Chancellor she reported directly to the Chancellor and as a member of the Chancellor's Cabinet, she was responsible for supporting the Chancellor in all areas relating to University activities as well as in the Chancellor's work with community organizations, governmental agencies, and other non-profit organizations. In addition, she had administrative oversight for the Chancellor's Office staff, the Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention & Policy, the Office of the Ombuds, Cross Cultural Center, Women's Center, the Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender Resource Office, and the University House.

Professional Leadership

Linda Williams has chaired, co-chaired, served on, and been consultant to numerous advisory groups, work groups, committees and councils at the University of California, San Diego.

In 1993 Williams traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, and Beijing, China as a member of a delegation participating in the Young Leaders Forum sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation for the purpose of discussing challenges of the 21st century.

Professional Memberships

LEAD San Diego, Inc. Class of 2001

National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education (NAPAHE) [1999-present]

University of California Black Administrators Council (UCBAC) Member – National [1997-present]

Civic/Community Activities

San Diego Performing Arts League - Business Volunteers for the Arts [2001 - 2003]

Southeastern Community Theatre – Board of Directors [2002 – 2003]

Black Ensemble Theatre – Board of Directors [2001 - 2002]

San Diego Braille Institute – Advisory Council [1998 - 2000]

San Diego Urban League – Board Member [1997-1999]

Awards and Honors

UCSD Community Champion - 2002

TWIN Award 2000 (Tribute to Women & Industry)

Susan G. Komen Foundation – Honorary Membership Committee [May 1998]

San Diego Urban League – 1997 Leadership Award

Women Together – 1997 Honoree

Education

Linda Williams is a graduate of San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration specializing in Information Systems.

Featured Articles and Recognitions

San Diego Metropolitan Magazine – Profiled – TWIN Award Recipient [June 2001]

Featured Interview – UCSD General Catalog [1998/99]

Press Enterprise Newspaper [March 1998]