

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

McDOWELL, DONALD L.

Biographical Sketch

Donald L. McDowell, former Comptroller at the University of Florida, serves as Dean of Administrative Affairs at Florida International University.

McDowell is in charge of facility planning, and is also responsible for administrative affairs, including purchasing, physical plant operation, payroll, personnel and auxiliary operations.

In addition, he is involved in establishing computer-based administrative systems in conjunction with the Board of Regents' Office of Management Information Systems in Tallahassee, which he headed before coming to Florida International.

As director of that office, he was responsible for program budget development for the State University System. He also developed the administrative procedure manual, which standardized all financial and administrative methods for the state universities which is now being used throughout the system.

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, McDowell received a B.S. degree in accounting from Ohio State University in 1956 and has done graduate work at the University of Florida.

Before joining the State University System, he was an accounting manager for Chevrolet Division, General Motors Corporation, in Atlanta, Georgia, and Toledo, Ohio.

He has served as consultant in fiscal management and serves as a fiscal evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities. He was recently a guest lecturer at a fiscal management seminar sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education.

McDowell is a member of the Florida Association of Educational Data Systems, the Association of Institutional Research, the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers, and the WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) task force for development of program budget structure for the U.S. Office of Education.

Dean McDowell and his wife have five children and live in Homestead.

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