

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

G. WESLEY SOWARDS

Biographical Sketch

Dr. G. Wesley Sowards serves as Dean of the School of Education at Florida International University. His appointment to that position was approved by the Board of Regents on July 10, 1970.

Sowards was professor and head of the Department of Elementary Education in the College of Education at Florida State University from 1968 to 1970. Previous to that, he achieved a national reputation as a scholar in the field of education while at Stanford University from 1956 to 1967.

He has also been very active in the international field. He served as a member of the United States AID educational survey team in South Korea during the summer of 1970. In 1959, he was a consultant in curriculum to the joint University of Tokyo-Stanford University Project on Education Reform in Japan. He was a United States delegate to the 1967 Third International Curriculum Conference at Oxford University in England and has done other work in international education.

At Florida International, Dr. Sowards is involved in recruiting program directors and faculty; coordinating and developing curricula in cooperation with the College of Arts and Sciences and other professional schools, and will help develop the first graduate program contemplated for the University, which will be a master's degree in education.

He is also working very closely with the public school systems in Dade and Broward counties in the development of continuing education activities for teachers.

Sowards, who is President of the Florida Council of Elementary Education, has served on school study and survey teams in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, California, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

He taught in the California school system and in 1951 became an assistant professor in the Division of Elementary Education at the University of Illinois. In 1954 he served as Associate Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, and then became Associate Professor in the School of Education at Stanford. He went to FSU in 1968.

He is the author of numerous books, articles and papers on education. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, American Educational Research Association, National Society for the Study of Education and Phi Delta Kappa.

Dr. Sowards holds his doctorate and master's degree from Stanford and a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University.

He and his wife, Christine, have one son, Steven, 19, and live in Miami.

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