

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

VANDON E. WHITE

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Vandon E. White serves as Dean of the School of Health and Social Services at Florida International University. Formerly the Assistant Dean in the School of Health Related Professions at the State University of New York at Buffalo, his appointment was approved by the Board of Regents in April, 1971. He is the first black man to serve as a dean in the State University System of Florida, with the exception of Florida A & M University in Tallahassee.

Dean White is responsible for recruiting program directors and faculty, and coordinating and developing curricula in cooperation with the College of Arts and Sciences and other professional schools. Deeply involved in community activities at the University of New York at Buffalo, Dean White believes that the goals of Florida International must be intertwined with those of the Greater Miami community. He has planned programs in: criminology and corrections; family services; home economics; medical technology; mental health; physical and vocational therapy, and social welfare for the University's opening in September, 1972.

As Assistant Dean at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Dean White served as Coordinator of the University College Hospital Allied Health Programs in the Buffalo area, and was a special advisor on the Alcohol Control Program for the Lackawanna Community Health Center. He was also involved with the Erie County Health Department on Lead Poisoning Control. Prior to becoming Assistant Dean, Dr. White served as Associate Professor of Chemistry at Southern University. Before that, he served as Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Alabama A & M College.

He has been the director of a number of National Science Foundation science training programs and institutes for secondary school teachers. From 1967-69, he served as a consultant to the Pre-College Division of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. White is the author of three books on chemistry and bio-chemistry plus numerous articles and papers on health subjects. He graduated with highest honors in chemistry from Tougaloo College in 1955, and was the recipient of the American Missionary Scholarship. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University.

He is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu, chemistry honorary, and a fellow of the New York Academy of Science.

He and his wife have four children.