

Dr. Michael E. Ayewoh

Dr. Michael E. Ayewoh has served as the Chief Research and Sponsored Programs Officer at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania, for over two years, joining the state affiliated four-year liberal arts institution following a six-year tenure at West Chester University of Pennsylvania as Associate Vice President for Sponsored Research and Faculty Development. Dr. Ayewoh brings more than 30 years experience in the academy, having served in institutions across the spectrum of higher education.

Graduating from Tennessee State University, Nashville, with a bachelor of science degree, with honors, in animal science, he attended Pennsylvania State University and earned a master of science degree in poultry science and technology, followed by a master of education in extension education (adult education), and then a doctorate in agricultural and extension education, also at Penn State, where his emphases were on planning, evaluation, administration, youth programs, supervision of government and nonprofit organizations, research and development, and leadership for social change. Dr. Ayewoh holds post-doctoral certificates in Advanced Leadership Development from The Chair Academy-Worldwide Leadership Training for Post-Secondary Leaders, Generating Expectations for Student Achievement from the New York State Department of Education, and Advanced Grantsmanship from David G. Bauer and Associates and The Foundation Center.

Early in his career in academe, Dr. Ayewoh served in several student-centered capacities at Mansfield University of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, an institution to which he would later return in a teaching position. For four years, he held positions of Interim Director, Assistant Director, and Coordinator of Tutorial Services, Interim Director of the University Learning Resource Center, and Director, Minority Mentoring Affairs. He subsequently joined the Division of Student Affairs at Rochester Institute of Technology as Director of Minority Student Affairs, his six-year tenure overlapping with service as an adjunct professor in the Division of Basic and Applied Social Sciences at Keuka College, also a tenure of six years. Dr. Ayewoh became Special Assistant to the Vice President for Research and Development in the division of Student Affairs at Rochester, a position he held for about a year before moving to Resources in Education and Management Systems (REMS Associates) a consulting firm serving nonprofits and other organizational segments, based in Mansfield, PA, where he served as Chief Consulting Officer for approximately 17 years. REMS Associates consulted with public and private institutions, K-12 schools, international and government institutions on student access and success, assessment and evaluation, transformational leadership, capacity building, and funding. Dr. Ayewoh went on to accept the position of Center Director of the Center for Urban Educational Studies at Monroe Community College, becoming a member of the Damon City Campus over a four-year tenure. His next position was as Executive Director, Pre and Collegiate Science, Mathematics and Technology Initiatives and Assistant Dean at Hofstra University, in the School of

Education and Allied Human Services, a position he held for four years before joining West Chester University.

Dr. Ayewoh has written extensively on a range of topics, with a strong focus on research in higher education and application of data to advancing the goals of teaching and learning, development and philanthropy, leadership and management, and best practices in academics. He holds memberships in a number of professional associations and councils including National Association of Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education, National Association of International Educators, the Society of Research Administrators, and the Professional Council of Undergraduate Research. Past memberships include service as a board member of Nazareth Schools in Rochester, NY, and as an advisory board member to Building Connections, the National Science Foundation Networking Project. Dr. Ayewoh is a Fulbright Specialist with the US Department of State, currently assigned to Namibia in Southern Africa.