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Titilayo Ufomata Appointed as CIC Senior Vice President of Academic Programs

Titilayo (Titi) Ufomata has been appointed as the Council of Independent Colleges’ new Senior Vice President of Academic Programs. Ufomata is the Provost and Senior Vice President at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana and she previously served as provost and dean of faculty at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She was associate provost and distinguished professor at Kentucky State University.

“Dr. Ufomata has a deep understanding of independent higher education and the professional support and development needs of provosts, deans and faculty members. Titi has a reputation for developing consensus. Her colleagues describe her as brilliant, warm, collaborative and thoughtful. I look forward to the contributions she will make at CIC,” CIC President Marjorie Hass said.

Ufomata’s career as a scholar, professor and administrator spans over three decades and includes diverse academic and administrative experience. She has published extensively and presented her work at numerous professional meetings. Her scholarship focuses on phonetics and African diaspora populations with specific focus on the intersection of language with gender and identity.

“I’m excited to join CIC at this important moment for independent higher education. CIC’s academic programs develop leaders who strengthen and advance scholarship, research and student success on their campuses. I’m particularly excited to be a part of CIC’s efforts to strengthen and diversify the leadership pipeline and to participate in ongoing conversations about the trajectory of higher education,” Ufomata said.

Ufomata brings global higher education experience to CIC. She earned her Ph.D. in phonetics from the University College London and holds degrees in English from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Ufomata has extensive leadership development experience, as an alumna of the Harvard Institute of Educational Management and of the Higher Education Resources Services (HERS) Institute. She has participated in The Aspen Institute Deans’ Seminar and the American Council on Education’s yearlong Institute for New Chief Academic Officers. Ufomata has received several prestigious international awards, including the Fulbright International Education Administrators Seminar Award to France; an Associateship of the African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town; and a British Academy Visiting Fellowship at the University College London. She is also a Laureate of the Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa. Before Kentucky State, she served as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Benin, Nigeria, where she taught English and phonetics.
CIC’s senior vice president for academic programs reports to the president and is the principal planner for the annual Institute for Chief Academic Officers and the annual series of workshops for department and division chairs. As a member of the senior leadership team, Ufomata will help oversee operations and shape CIC’s strategic direction.

The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) is an association of 765 nonprofit independent colleges and universities, state-based councils of independent colleges, and other higher education affiliates, that works to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of independent higher education’s contributions to society. CIC is the major national organization that focuses on services to leaders of independent colleges and universities and state-based councils. CIC offers conferences, seminars, publications, and other programs and services that help institutions improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, student outcomes, and institutional visibility. It conducts the largest annual conferences of college and university presidents and of chief academic officers in the United States. Founded in 1956, CIC is headquartered at One Dupont Circle in Washington, DC.