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Chancellor

Dr. Paul L. Hill was named Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission on May 18, 2012. He previously served as the system’s Interim Chancellor beginning in January 2012 and as Vice Chancellor for Science and Research beginning in 2007. He also served as Executive Director of the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (WVEPSCoR), a state-based program of the National Science Foundation (NSF), and helped design and manage a number of research initiatives with academic institutions, including: the West Virginia Research Trust Fund, known as “Bucks for Brains,” the West Virginia Research Challenge Fund, and the West Virginia Eminent Scholars Initiative. He formerly held a research position at West Virginia University and served as a faculty member at the University of Charleston. Before joining WVEPSCoR in 2001, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, appointed by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

Dr. Hill has more than 25 years of experience in academic research, grant administration, and public policy development, and has held CEO positions in state, federal, and private organizations. He has appeared before Congress on numerous occasions and provided congressional testimony on science, technology and education policy. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) and the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS). Recently, Dr. Hill became a member of State Higher Education Executive Officers’ (SHEEO) Federal Relations Committee and was appointed by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin to the Southern Region Education Board (SREB).

A native West Virginian, Dr. Hill holds degrees from Marshall University (B.S. and M.S.) and the University of Louisville (Ph.D.) in biology and chemistry. He studied at the University of Louisville's Systems Science Institute.

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