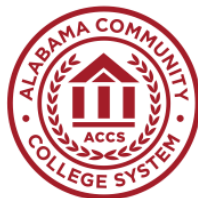


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Chancellor Announces Bishop State Community College Presidential Appointment

MONTGOMERY, Alabama – Dr. Reginald Sykes has been named president of Bishop State Community College in Mobile. Jimmy H. Baker, chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, announced the appointment by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held today in Montgomery.

Dr. Sykes has served as interim president at Bishop State since February 2016 and as president of Alabama Southern Community College since July 2010. Dr. Sykes previously served as dean of students at Meridian Community College for seven years, dean of student services at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Jefferson Davis Campus for one year, and vice president of Jefferson Davis Campus for five years. Before coming to Alabama Southern, he worked for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, serving as assistant commissioner for community and junior college relations.

“I have listened to the local leaders and members of this community. We are committed to achieving a sound workforce development training infrastructure to promote economic development success in southwest Alabama,” Baker said. “Dr. Sykes shares my vision to lead Bishop State in developing a comprehensive, integrated workforce development system that will create a trained, skilled, and adaptable workforce to meet the needs of employers and citizens in this area.”

Dr. Sykes serves on many local boards. In addition, he is a Monroeville Kiwanis Club member and a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity- Atmore Chapter member. On the state level, Dr. Sykes is Treasurer of the Alabama Community College System Presidents’ Association and Secretary of the Alabama Community College Conference Athletic Committee. Nationally, Dr. Sykes serves as Chairman on the Rural Community College Alliance Board of Directors and the Community College Advisory Council for the American Public University System.

“I am looking forward to serving as president of Bishop State Community College,” Sykes said. “It is exciting to lead a college so rich in history and embedded in the community.”

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