Dr. Shonda K. Lawrence appointed Executive Assistant to CSU President Frank G. Pogue

Chicago — Former Southern Illinois University professor Dr. Shonda K. Lawrence has been appointed executive assistant to Chicago State University Interim President Dr. Frank G. Pogue. Her appointment is effective January 16.

"Dr. Lawrence will make an outstanding addition to the office of the president and to Chicago State University,” said President Pogue. “Her broad experience in social work and higher education and her familiarity with Chicago and Chicago State University will be invaluable in supporting the responsibilities of the president and the mission of the University.”

Dr. Lawrence comes to Chicago State from Southern Illinois University where she taught in the Master of Social Work program. She holds a Ph.D. in social work and a Master of Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an M.S. degree in corrections/criminal justice from Chicago State University, and a B.S. degree in law enforcement administration from Western Illinois University.

During her career she has served as a research/appropriations analyst for the Illinois House of Representatives, a probation officer and administrative intern for the Cook County Juvenile Court, a social worker for Ingalls Memorial Hospital, and project coordinator for the Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research. In addition to her teaching experience at Southern Illinois University, Dr. Lawrence also taught in the social work program at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Council on Social Work Education and the Baccalaureate Program Directors.