

Office of the President

Dr. Maurice Edington, Ph.D., is the 10th President of the University of the District of Columbia and is an accomplished scientist, educator, and university administrator. He began his tenure at the University of the District of Columbia in August 2023.

Prior to becoming President at UDC, Edington served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (2018-2022) at Florida A&M University (FAMU). While at FAMU, Edington was responsible for all matters pertaining to academic programs, activities, and services within the 14 colleges/schools offered at FAMU. Edington oversaw all institutional and specialized accreditation activities as a leader at the institution. In addition, he managed an annual operating budget of \$99 million for 9,200 students and over 500 full-time faculty.

As Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Edington established the Office of Undergraduate Research, the Office of Freshman Studies, and the Office of STEM Outreach to support his vision of increasing student success. He also previously served as the Chair of the State University System of Florida Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and he chaired the university's Strategic Planning Committee that developed an approved 2022-2027 strategic plan.

Dr. Edington previously served as the Vice President for Strategic Planning, Analysis, and Institutional Effectiveness at FAMU. In this role, he oversaw the university's assessment, accreditation, academic program quality, institutional research, reporting, and strategic planning functions. Several notable achievements marked his tenure in this role. These include leading the development and implementation of the university's 2017-2022 strategic plan, coordinating the successful decennial accreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), co-authoring the university's annual Legislative Budget Requests and providing leadership on implementing strategies to improve the university's outcomes on the Performance-based Funding Model.

Dr. Edington previously served as the founding Dean of the FAMU College of Science and Technology. In this role, he led the development of the university's inaugural strategic plan, guided revamping the FAMU tenure and promotion criteria, and implemented several academic support initiatives to increase student success rates in science and mathematics.

Dr. Edington is a physical chemist, receiving a B.A. in chemistry from Fisk University and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Vanderbilt University. He completed his postdoctoral studies at Duke University, where he was a National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellow. His extensive research specializes in ultrafast laser spectroscopy. He currently conducts research and provides training to faculty in STEM education and research.

Dr. Edington is married to Tonya Edington and is the father of Gabriella, M.D.