

Dr. Michael Tidwell is the fourth president of The University of Texas at Tyler. He was appointed by The University of Texas System Board of Regents on January 1, 2017.

Dr. Tidwell has served in the field of higher education for 16 years as an administrator and professor at universities around the nation and abroad. Prior to accepting the presidency of UT Tyler, Dr. Tidwell was Dean of the Eastern Michigan University College of Business. He has also served as Dean of the College of Business at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and as Assistant Dean of the Clayton State University School of Business in Morrow, Georgia.

In addition, he has been an assistant professor at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri; Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington; and University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Tidwell's experience also includes teaching on the international stage. He has been a visiting professor at CHM College in Ulhasnagar, India; Birla College in Kalyan, India; ICMIS in Bangalore, India; and Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Tidwell earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He went on to earn his Master of Arts in Communication and his Ph.D. in Organizational Studies from Washington State University.

He has been a management and research consultant for business leaders seeking to resolve critical human resource issues since 2003.

Over his career, Dr. Tidwell has been published in various scholarly journals, including the International Journal of Management Theory and Practices, the Journal of Business Communication, and Nonprofit Management and Leadership. He has been a speaker at numerous national and international conferences. His recent research efforts have focused on managing business relationships across international boundaries.

Dr. Tidwell and his wife, Karen, have two children, Cyrus and Bradley.