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A Brief Biography

Dr. Steve O. Michael is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Arcadia University. His academic career includes assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor of higher education management. While his administrative experience includes Vice Provost for Diversity and Academic Initiatives, Directorship of the Center for International and Intercultural Education and Interim Associate Deanship of Education at Kent State University. Dr. Michael was an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow in 2000-2001 under the President of Carnegie Mellon University. He also served part of his fellowship year under the Vice-Chancellors of the City University of London and the

University of Bath in England. Steve Michael is a professor of higher education administration with a specialization in higher education finance and strategic management.

Dr. Michael's research interest includes the application of business strategies to institutional management and entrepreneurial higher education. He has also published widely in most of the leading international and national refereed journals in the field of higher education on topics such as diversity in higher education, cost reduction analysis and financial constraints in higher education, presidency and trusteeship, academic program reviews and discontinuation, and marketing of higher education.

He served as an expert-presenter on State Funding Formula for the Ohio Postsecondary Funding Commission. He is the author of the "Cost of Excellence: The Financial Implications of Institutional Rankings" published in the International Journal of Educational Management.

Dr. Michael was a British/Canadian Commonwealth Scholar and the first recipient of the Sheffield Award for the best article published in the Canadian Journal of Higher Education (1992). His awards include: the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, the Outstanding Faculty Award from Phi Beta Delta, Dean's Award for professional achievements, and a letter of recognition from the Governor of Alaska.

Dr. Michael directed over 20 doctoral dissertations on topics that range from TQM in higher education to financing higher education in the Bahamas, from internationalization of higher education to evaluation of college president's effectiveness. He was a guest professor at the European Peace University in Austria.

For several years, he served as the Liaison Officer for the Educational Management Association of South Africa. On the invitation of the former Minister of Education of Moldova, he became the first keynote speaker for the country's premier international conference on Higher Education. Dr. Michael is a member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Educational Management – the leading international refereed journal on education management; the American Psychology Association's Journal of Diversity; and once the associate editor of the Journal of Research in Education. He served as a reviewer of USAID/ALO International development grants and sat on the Board of Project GRAD of Akron, Ohio. His latest book is entitled *Financing Higher Education in a Global Market*.

He is a graduate of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, a trained accreditation consultant-evaluator by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. Steve O. Michael was one of the principal founders of the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE) and its first Vice President and Interim President. He is also the co-founder of the Black Sea Higher Education Association. In recognition of his works around the Black Sea region, Dr. Michael was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Danubius University, Galati, Romania. In addition, he is one of the principal founders of the Global Advancement of Private Universities and Colleges (GAPUC). His wide-ranging international background extends from the Sub-Saharan Africa to the Sub-Arctic Alaska. Steve is a volunteer soccer coach.