

Biography

Mortimer H. Neufville, PhD President & CEO 1890 Universities Foundation

Mortimer H. Neufville was appointed to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the 1890 Universities Foundation on February 13, 2017. He served as President of Coppin State University (CSU), located in Northwest Baltimore, Md, from January 2013 to June 2015.

Dr. Neufville was appointed to the position of Director, Federal Relations – Food, Environment and International Affairs at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), in January 1997. He was responsible for the coordination of activities in agriculture, environmental affairs, natural resources, human sciences, forestry and international affairs for the Land Grant and affiliate member institutions. In January 2006, he was appointed Executive Vice President of NASULGC, (now APLU), to work closely with the President on all internal and external operations of the association.

He received funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the implementation of the Food System Leadership Institute and the C. Peter Magrath Engagement Award. Neufville also received funding from USDA/FAS for implementation of the India/US Agriculture Knowledge Initiative Projects and served as a member of the Advisory Board (2004-2009).

Prior to joining NASULGC Dr. Neufville held several positions at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) 1983-1996, including Vice President for Academic Affairs (1993 – 1996), Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (1993-1994), 1890 Research Director and Associate Director of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station (1983-1995), and Dean of Agricultural Sciences (1983-1991). During his tenure at UMES Neufville served as project manager for the Cameroon Root and Tuber Food Crops Research Project. He served as chair of the HBCU International Liaison Officers committee and provided leadership for four projects funded through the Egyptian Universities Linkage Program. Before joining UMES Dr. Neufville was Associate Dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology and the Cooperative State Research and Extension Programs at Lincoln University, Missouri (1978-1983). He also served as an Animal Science faculty member at Prairie View A & M University (1974-1978).

He served as a member of the CGIAR/IITA Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2006 and Board Chair 2002 to 2006, a member of the Board of IFDC, a member of the IFPRI Advisory Committee for the Agricultural Open Curriculum and Learning Initiative 2007-2010. Mort as he prefers to be called, received his B.Sc. degree from Tuskegee University and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Science from the University of Florida. He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Science in February 2001 by Tuskegee University, The Distinguished Alumnus Award by the University of Florida, December 2001, inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2008 and received the Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.

Mort and Masie are the proud parents of three grown daughters.