



Presidential Candidate Dione Somerville, Ed.D.



Dione Dorsey Somerville is a senior leader in higher education whose accomplishments span strategic planning, student success, organizational change, managing complex budgets, enrollment management, assessment, campus planning and construction, program development, Title IX compliance, community relations, fundraising, and aligning Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

Dr. Somerville currently serves as executive vice president at Hawkeye Community College. Her accomplishments at Hawkeye include leading the college's COVID-19 response, leading enrollment efforts, leading diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, strategic planning, and creating a Division of Student Affairs. Prior to Hawkeye, Dr. Somerville served as vice president for student affairs at Bloomsburg University. Among her accomplishments, she provided leadership for Bloomsburg's regional accreditation and other major initiatives such as providing leadership to create the university's first Division of Strategic Enrollment Management and envisioning the student wellness initiative, with particular focus on mental health and dependency on alcohol and other drugs. Dr. Somerville provided leadership to create the Center for Leadership and Engagement, create the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, modernize Greek Life, expand intercollegiate athletics, facilitate assessment, and complete fundraising efforts. Dr. Somerville provided leadership during the University Master Plan process, the plan for the revitalization of university housing, and the completion of Soltz Hall, a \$61.4 million multifunction building inclusive of the university mailroom, bookstore, integrative learning, two dining venues, and nearly 400 suite-style beds.

Dr. Somerville was dean of students at Iowa State University and chaired the Critical Incident Response Team there, prior to serving at Bloomsburg. Accomplishments include a pro-active intervention function for students of concern, revision of sexual misconduct policy, and a \$52.8 million recreational facility renovation and expansion. Before beginning at Iowa State, Dr. Somerville served as director of enrollment services at Lorain County Community College. She helped implement the college's vision of serving as the hub of higher education for the region, responsible for articulation and transfer, implementing online enrollment functions, and participating in economic development initiatives.

Dr. Somerville earned a doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania, master's degree in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University, and bachelor's degree in English/Writing from Ohio Northern University. Dr. Somerville was a Fellow at the Association of Governing Boards Institute for Leadership and Governance in the inaugural year of the program. Dr. Somerville also participated in the Institute for Education Management at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.