



DR. Roy P. PETERSON
Interim President
1985-1986

Dr. Roy P. Peterson, deputy executive director of the Kentucky Council for Higher Education, was appointed as interim president of Tennessee State University, effective July 1, 1985. Dr. Peterson, 51, and a native of Louisiana, earned degrees from Southern University, the University of Oregon, and the University of Iowa. He served as the chief of academic officer for the State Higher Education Board in Illinois prior to assuming a similar position with the Kentucky Council. Dr. Peterson led the University toward the fulfillment of its role as an urban institution by broadening relationships within the greater Nashville community. He returned to the Kentucky Council at the close of the fiscal year 1986.