

G. Christine Taylor became Purdue University's first vice provost for diversity and chief diversity officer in August 2009. The position was created as part of the "New Synergies" strategic plan.

Taylor provides strategic leadership and vision relating to Purdue's efforts to embrace and promote diversity with an emphasis on attracting and retaining a diverse student body. She oversees the Diversity Resource Office and the Women's Resource Office. Taylor reports to Randy Woodson, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, and serves as a member of the president's cabinet.

Prior to her appointment with Purdue, Taylor served as associate vice president for institutional diversity at Miami University of Ohio beginning in March 2008. As such, she led a campus-wide team in developing a diversity work force initiative; convened a two-day, campus-wide diversity summit; and produced a briefing to give academic leadership and search committees strategies to diversify candidate pools. She also worked on a university climate study, a series of diversity dialogues on campus, and a diversity/inclusiveness training program for housing, dining, and guest services.

Beginning in 1991, Taylor worked at Ohio University and became the assistant to the president for diversity in 2005. She led diversity initiatives identified in the university's strategic plan and diversity outreach programs, including partnerships with K-12 schools, community organizations, multicultural groups, and alumni.

Taylor has master's and doctorate degrees from Ohio University and a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University. She also completed the Harvard University Management Development Program.