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## **NEW LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED BY THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

### **Walter E. Massey Named President; Elissa Tenny Appointed to Newly Created Provost Position**

Chicago — Cary McMillan, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), today announces new leadership at SAIC, including the appointment of prominent figures from the world of higher education. Walter E. Massey, Ph.D. will serve as SAIC's President, effective September 13, 2010 and Elissa Tenny, Ed.D. has been appointed to the newly created position of SAIC Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, effective August 16, 2010. Anthony Jones, CBE will continue to serve as Chancellor for SAIC while Lisa Wainwright, Ph.D. will continue as Dean of Faculty.

"We have brought together these exceptional individuals whose varied strengths complement one another perfectly," says McMillan. "Dr. Massey's extensive background as a leader in higher education, the business world, and the foundation community will be a strong asset for SAIC. For her part, Dr. Tenny has a proven track record of outstanding accomplishments in the areas of curriculum development and academic strategic initiatives. With Chancellor Jones and Dean Wainwright, both of whom have well established reputations in the world of art and design education, SAIC's new leadership possesses the vision and experience to build on our distinguished history and to attain even higher levels of accomplishment as the world's foremost institution for art and design scholarship and education."

#### **About Walter E. Massey, Ph.D.**

President Walter E. Massey, Ph.D. is President Emeritus of Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA), having served as President from 1995 to 2007. Immediately prior to that post, Dr. Massey was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of California system, where he was responsible for academic and research planning and policy, budget planning and allocations, and programmatic oversight of three national laboratories that the University manages for the Department of Energy. Massey has also been Professor of Physics and Dean of the College at Brown University.

A distinguished physicist, Massey served as director of the Argonne National Laboratory and Professor of Physics and Vice President for Research at the University of Chicago during the period of 1979 to 1991. Massey was also named the director of the National Science Foundation by former President George H.W. Bush and served in that capacity from 1991 to 1993.

As a corporate leader, Dr. Massey has served as a director of Bank of America and Chairman of the Board. He has been a board member of numerous major corporations, and is currently on the board of McDonald's. Serving as a trustee of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Dr. Massey is also a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council of Foreign Relations.

The recipient of more than 30 honorary degrees from institutions such as Yale University, Northwestern University, Amherst and Ohio State University, Dr. Massey's research has involved the study of quantum liquids and solids, and his written work has addressed university-industry partnerships and the issue of technology transfer, addressing the allocation of skills, knowledge, and technology among institutions to ensure wider accessibility to technological developments.

Dr. Massey is a graduate of Morehouse College (Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics, 1958) and Washington University in St. Louis (Ph.D. in Physics, 1966). He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and currently resides in Chicago with his wife Shirley Anne.

### **About Elissa Tenny, Ed.D.**

Elissa Tenny, Ed.D. comes to SAIC from the distinguished liberal arts institution Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont, where she has served as Provost and Dean since 2002. Her significant accomplishments at Bennington include the promotion of interdisciplinary and integrative scholarship, crafting strategic plans for the college, enhancing curriculum planning, and faculty development.

Prior to joining Bennington, she served in a variety of roles at The New School in New York City from 1975 to 2002, eventually holding the positions of Acting Dean (1998-2001) and Vice Dean (2001-2002). While at The New School, which houses the internationally recognized Parsons School of Design, Tenny's focus included promoting quality and creativity in academic programs and student services, as well as growing overall enrollment by 30%. She holds a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Arts in Media Studies from the New School for Social Research and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

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