Manuel Tunon De Lara

Biography

In 2001, Prof. Tunon de Lara became head of the International and European Affairs Department in 2001, before becoming Vice-President for International Relations in 2003. He was elected President of Université Bordeaux Segalen in 2008, and re-elected in 2012. A defender of the values of a large comprehensive university with international visibility, Manuel Tunon de Lara led his institution towards a merger and the creation of Bordeaux University alongside his counterparts from the other universities – Bordeaux I, and Montesquieu Bordeaux IV. In January 2014, he was elected President of the University of Bordeaux, which numbers some 56,000 students, then was returned from 2019 to January 2022.

At the French Rectors’ Conference, which changed its name to France Universités in 2022, he has been a member of the Health Committee, first as twice its vice-chair, and then as chair. On 17 December 2020, he was elected President of the Conference, alongside Virginie Dupont (President of the University of Southern Brittany) and Guillaume Gellé (President of the University of Reims-Champagne Ardenne) as vice-presidents.