Sharon Courtney

Since coming to Tulane, Sharon has been engaged in advocacy, communications, and community engagement for the university in a variety of roles. Initially focused only in the area of Federal Relations she has held the positions of Associate Director, Director and Associate Vice President for Federal Relations before expanding her portfolio to include state, local, community and community relations as Vice President for Government & Community Relations.

Prior to Tulane University, Ms. Courtney spent seven years on Capitol Hill as a Senior Legislative Assistant to former U.S. Representative John P. Murtha and Legislative Assistant to former U.S. Representative Larkin Smith.

She has served on numerous boards including National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) Board of Directors, Association of American Universities Council on Federal Relations Steering Committee and ReNEW Schools where she served two terms as President of the Board. Ms. Courtney was in 2006 presented with the Young Leadership Council Role Model award for her work post Katrina in advocating for recovery funding for Tulane. She currently serves on the board for Market Umbrella which oversees the local farmers markets and is Chair of the Board of the Data Center.

Ms. Courtney is a graduate of the University of Mississippi where she majored in journalism.