

## **Dr. Malcolm Gillis**

Malcolm Gillis is a Professor at Rice University, the former President of Rice University and the Chairman of the Board of Directors at BioHouston, Inc. Malcolm Gillis spent the first twenty-five years of his professional life teaching economics and bringing economic analysis to bear on important issues of public policy in nearly twenty countries, from the U.S. and Canada to Ecuador, Colombia, Ghana, and Indonesia. Since 1986, his career has been devoted primarily, but not exclusively, to university leadership. His research and teaching activities fall into two broad classes of national and international issues: fiscal reform and environmental policy. He has published over 70 articles in journals. He is author, co-author, or editor of eight books, including a widely acclaimed 1988 publication, *Public Policies and the Misuse of Forest Resources and Tax Reform in Developing Countries* published in 1989, and the leading textbook in its field, *Economics of Development* (4th edition), now available in five languages. His record also involves substantial service to his profession, to governments, to foundations, and hospitals. He serves as a board member of the National Council for Science and the Environment, the Houston Advanced Research Center, the Greater Houston Partnership, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, AMIGOS de las Americas, the Houston Symphony, Texas Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum, the Houston Technology Center, and AECOM Technology Corporation. He served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas from 1996-2005. He was on the Advisory Board of Texas Commerce Bank from 1993-98. He was co-founder and chair of the Board of Trustees of the Center for World Environment and Sustainable Development; he was also co-founder of the Duke Center for Tropical Conservation in 1988. In 1997, he was named to the National Academy of Sciences Board on Sustainable Development. A native of Marianna, Florida, Professor Gillis received his A.A. from Chipola Junior College, his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Florida, and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. His first academic position was as an assistant professor of economics at Duke University, followed by a 15-year stint at Harvard. He returned to Duke in 1984 as professor of economics and of public policy. In July of 1993 Professor Gillis became the sixth president of William Marsh Rice University. Gillis stepped down on June 30, 2004, after more than 10 years of service, and now holds the positions of Zingler Professor of Economics and University Professor at Rice.