

University of South Florida announces new Dean of the College of Engineering



TAMPA, Fla. (July 14, 2014) –The University of South Florida is delighted to welcome Dr. Robert H. Bishop, currently Opus Dean of Marquette University’s College of Engineering, as the new Dean of the USF College of Engineering.

Recognized as a distinguished teaching professor and proven researcher in aerospace engineering, Bishop is a specialist in the application of systems and control theory to modern engineering products. He works with NASA on advanced navigation algorithms for test flight vehicles; his picosatellite has been launched into space. He also co-authors one of the world’s leading undergraduate textbooks in control theory, among a myriad of other internationally recognized published works. He joins USF on August 8, 2014.

“Dr. Bishop’s expertise, experience and enthusiasm make him a perfect fit to lead the USF College of Engineering,” said USF President Judy Genshaft. “The innovative research and creative work of this college is crucial to the future of USF. Under Dr. Bishop’s leadership and through the hard work of our talented students and faculty, we know the future is very bright.”

Bishop takes over for Dr. Rafael Perez, who has been leading the USF College of Engineering as Interim Dean for the past year. During that time, Perez has kept a steady hand on the college’s strategic direction – successfully maintaining ABET accreditation (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology), earning a coveted TEAm Grant from the Board of Governors and Florida Legislature to help fill workforce gaps in information technology, and managing increased student demand and enrollment while making gains in student retention.

“We are so grateful for Dean Perez’s leadership the past year, which makes possible the additional successes we anticipate in the years to come,” said USF Provost Ralph Wilcox.

“USF’s College of Engineering exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit central to USF’s mission. I know Dr. Bishop shares that focus and will inspire our students to achieve great things.”

The USF College of Engineering currently enrolls more than 4,600 students, employs 150 faculty members and garners more than \$25 million in annual research expenditures. Its research focuses on energy, sustainability, robotics, nanotechnology, materials, transportation, water, computer system design, security, pattern recognition, analytics and optimization, biomedical, health systems and communications. As Dean of the College, Bishop will continue the development and realization of strategic goals and promote and advocate for the College locally, statewide, nationally and globally.

“I am honored to join a team that is dedicated to student success and strategically focused on positively impacting the future,” Bishop said. “The University of South Florida is an exciting and dynamic place. I can’t wait to see what we accomplish together.”