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# Georgia Southern University Names Mohammad Davoud, Ph.D., P.E., Founding Dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Information Technology

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Georgia Southern University has named Mohammad Davoud, Ph.D., P.E., founding dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & Information Technology. He will begin his new position on Nov. 1, 2012.

Prior to being named Founding Dean, Davoud served as interim dean leading the creation of the University's newest college. The College was originally formed in 2012 through the combination of Georgia Southern's undergraduate and graduate engineering and information technology degree programs.

"I am excited to be named Founding Dean of Georgia Southern University's Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology," said Davoud. "Establishing this college is one the most strategically important decisions that have been made by Georgia Southern and it will have a major economic impact on our region. We expect that our students will graduate to become leaders in regional industries and we hope to attract many new industries in the near future that will provide job opportunities for many Georgians."

"Throughout the search process, Dr. Davoud enjoyed strong support from faculty, staff and the University's leadership and I believe he is the perfect person to lead our engineering and IT programs," said Jean Bartels, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs at Georgia Southern. "Not only is Dr. Davoud an outstanding educator and leader, he has professional experience in his field and his breadth of experience and expertise will be a strong foundation for the College as it moves forward."

has served in academic administrative positions for the past eight years, first as the Director of the School of Technology and then as Department Chair for the Department of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering which was previously located in the College of Science and Technology (now College of Science and Mathematics). Davoud has served as a professor of Mechanical Engineering for more than 25 years.

In addition to his higher education experience, Davoud's industrial experience includes roles as a mechanical engineer and mechanical design engineer, serving as the Director of the Southeast Center for Assistive Technology and as a design engineer for assistive technologies for disabled individuals. His research interests and areas of expertise include thermo-mechanical analysis of manufacturing processes such as machining and welding processes, materials science, thermal science, solid mechanics, finite element methods and experimental methods.

He earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Georgia. He serves as an evaluator for the Technology

Accreditation Commission/Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and American Society for Engineering Education.