French Named Dean of College of Architecture

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Following a national search, the College of Architecture has a new leader.

Rafael L. Bras, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, has announced that Steven P. French, associate dean for Research and professor of City and Regional Planning, will assume the responsibilities of College of Architecture dean, beginning July 1.

“It is an honor to welcome Steve French to the leadership team of the Institute,” Bras said. “My conversations with Steve make me very confident that the College of Architecture will reach an even higher level of excellence. I want to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to Dean Alan Balfour for his leadership and vision and for leaving the College in a position of strength on which Dean French can build.”

Last August, Dean Alan Balfour announced plans to step down in June 2013 and return to the School of Architecture faculty. French joined Georgia Tech in 1992 as director of the City Planning Program and served in that position through 1999. From 1997 through 2011, he was director of the Center for Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He was appointed associate dean for Research for the College of Architecture in July 2009.

“It’s a great honor to be chosen to lead this outstanding College,” he said. “It also is a great challenge, and I am humbled by the confidence placed in me by the Institute and by my colleagues.”

French said that, in the coming months, he wants to engage College of Architecture faculty, staff, students, and alumni in fashioning a vision and strategic plan for the College. He also plans to reach out to other colleges and schools on campus.

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Complete Performance Evaluations By May 15

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Having an idea of what aspects of your job you’re doing well — and what you could be doing better — is key to your success as an employee.

To ensure that faculty and staff receive this feedback and set work-related goals for the year to come, Institute leadership has requested that all managers complete performance evaluations and have goals outlined for their employees by May 15.

“This year, we will begin a multiyear process to improve our collective knowledge, skills, and abilities as performance managers,” said President G. P. “Bud” Peterson. “It’s important to the Institute that every manager and supervisor evaluates his or her employees and sets goals with them at least every 12 months.”

Going forward, performance planning and the evaluation cycle will be aligned with the calendar year. Managers who have completed employee evaluations in the last six months have satisfied the requirement for calendar year 2013. Evaluations and goals will be collected through each unit’s

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President’s Update Highlights Tech’s Impact

The President’s Update, now available online, provides a high-level overview of Georgia Tech’s impact, as well as research, innovation, student, faculty, and staff accomplishments.

The annual spring update complements President G. P. “Bud” Peterson’s fall Institute address. “The update provides an opportunity to recap some of the outstanding things that the people of Georgia Tech have accomplished this academic year,” Peterson said. “However, for every example given, there are dozens of others that could have been included. It is the collective work of all of our outstanding faculty, staff, students, and alumni that makes Georgia Tech the outstanding institution it is today.”
Events

KIRK ENGLEHARDT
RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Faculty, researchers, and support staff spend considerable time each year gathering information for everything from promotion and tenure packages to grant applications.

“...This tool gives faculty a campus-wide view of expertise, enabling the development of diverse teams spanning multiple units and departments.”

To ease this process, GT Scholar has been created to save time and reduce administrative burdens by establishing an internal online profile for each Georgia Tech faculty member and researcher. The system is one of the outcomes of the Institute’s strategic plan and furthers the goal of sustaining and enhancing excellence in scholarship and research. GT Scholar will offer a service relevant to all Georgia Tech faculty members and researchers by compiling their research, teaching, publications, and professional activity information in one central location,” said Rafael L. Bras, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs. “As both a researcher and an administrator, I see the potential for multiple uses of this comprehensive, convenient system.”

Once a profile is created, GT Scholar simplifies the updating process, making it easier to prepare grant applications, find collaborators, and promote research work — all through one portal. Essentially, GT Scholar will ultimately streamline the management of professional, research, and scholarly information into a central repository.

“GT Scholar will make it easier to identify research collaborators from across our entire campus,” said Ravi Bellamkonda, associate vice president for Research and a biomedical engineering faculty member. “Our research sponsors are placing greater value on interdisciplinary activities, and this tool gives faculty a campus-wide view of expertise, enabling the development of diverse teams spanning multiple units and departments.”

GT Scholar will:
• Generate annual activity and sponsor reports, as well as content for promotion and tenure packages.
• Produce CVs, including customized CVs, for agencies such as National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.
• Provide configurable web feeds for updating campus websites.
• Assist in capturing and preserving scholarly content in Tech’s institutional repository, SMARTech.
• Facilitate collaborative research and networking opportunities.
• Provide up-to-date info on faculty/researcher publications, books, journals, and other scholarly activities.
• Help connect news media and industry professionals with experts.
• Provide access to the information needed by Tech’s communications professionals to identify faculty experts and promote their work.

The functionalities of GT Scholar will be accomplished using a phased-in approach based on feedback from various campus groups. Beta testers are needed to discover flaws and improve the system’s usability. Interested faculty members and researchers should email gtscholar@gatech.edu.

http://c.gatech.edu/1xUS3ET

Campus News

Beta Testers Needed to Assess GT Scholar

ARTS & CULTURE

May 3
The Fertl Center for the Arts presents comedian Anthony Jeselnik at 7:30 p.m. Call 404-894-8600 for information.

www.fertlcenter.gatech.edu

SEMINARS & LECTURES

May 8
Members of the campus community are invited to learn about the mini innovation hubs that were formed to examine topics associated with learning and massive open online courses. The session takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 102, Clough Commons. Lunch will be served. Register at http://c.gatech.edu/11WWMN. For more information about the hubs, visit http://c.gatech.edu/1TRx7UJ

May 21
The Integrated Cancer Research Seminar series presents Marc Vidal of the Center for Cancer Systems Biology and Dana Farber of Harvard Medical School. The two will speak on “Interactome Networks and Human Disease” at 4 p.m. in room 1128, IDE. http://c.gatech.edu/1T4c5CI

MISCELLANEOUS

May 2
Provost Rafael L. Bras and the College of Sciences invite you to a reception honoring him for his service as dean of the College of Sciences from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the rooftop garden, Clough Commons. RSVP at http://c.gatech.edu/17rN6B7

May 3
The president will host a graduation celebration for 2013 graduates, their parents, and friends. The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tech Green and will provide an opportunity to take photos with beloved Tech mascots; meet administrators, faculty, and staff; and share in unique traditions that make Georgia Tech a cherished institution.

www.gatech.edu/commencement

The Ph.D. and master’s commencement ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in McCamish Pavilion. The speaker will be Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University.

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May 3-5
The School of Music will host a piano sale to raise money. The instruments can be purchased by appointment by attending a pre-sale a few days prior to the general public sale or during the actual sale, which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on May 3. For an appointment, call the piano appointment desk at 1-888-595-8044.

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hazards, and he was the social science thrust leader for the Mid-America Earthquake Center, an NSF engineering research center. He is the author or co-author of more than 25 refereed journal articles and four books. French has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of the American Planning Association, Journal of Planning Education and Research, Journal of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association, and Earthquake Spectra.

French holds a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before coming to Georgia Tech, he taught for 10 years at California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo. From 1987-88, he served as the visiting professor of Resources Planning in the Civil Engineering Department at Stanford University. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

www.caa.org

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human resources representative, who will then submit them to the Office of Human Resources once the unit has a 100 percent completion rate.

In addition to requiring managers to complete evaluations and goals annually, future plans to improve the process include offering training for managers on topics such as effective communication and building trust.

For more information, email performance@ohr.gatech.edu

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Faculty Approve Revised Handbook

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During the last meeting of the General Faculty and Academic Senate of the semester, faculty members approved a revised version of the Faculty Handbook.

The handbook was revised to make the content more concise and easy to understand. For example, the first 27 questions have been reorganized into five, and bullet lists have been added to improve clarity.

In other meeting news:
• Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Rafael L. Bras encouraged faculty members to attend the commencement ceremony for doctoral and master’s candidates on May 3 at 7 p.m. and the two ceremonies for bachelor’s candidates on May 4 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. All ceremonies will be held in McCamish Pavilion. More information can be found at www.gatech.edu/commencement/spring2013.
• The degree candidates for spring graduation were presented by Registrar Reta Pikowsky and were approved.
• The policy regarding expulsions was changed to state that students who are on expulsion are not eligible for readmission.
• The policy regarding academic programs that have been deaccredited or terminated was changed to state that students returning to Tech cannot re-enroll in these programs. They must select active programs.
• The policy regarding academic minors was revised to clarify procedures for applying and for completing a minor.

To view the meeting agenda and supporting documents from the April meeting, visit: www.facultygovernance.gatech.edu

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The revised version of the Faculty Handbook will soon be available in the online Georgia Tech Policy Library at www.policylibrary.gatech.edu.

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Institute Websites to Get New Look

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More than 5 million people visit Georgia Tech’s websites each year — but it’s been about six years since the last major redesign.

That’s why, with guidance from the consulting firm mStoner and more than 70 faculty, staff, and students, the Institute is developing a new website look that will be both functional and eye-catching.

“Unlike traditional redesign models that tend to start from the administrative level and work down, the Institute decided to begin the process with its colleges,” said Dave Holston, senior director of creative strategy and brand management in Institute Communications.

Holston is coordinating the redesign efforts, along with the Institute Communications Web team. “We asked leads from each college to develop a cohesive design solution that would create visual alignment across Tech’s websites but that would also provide flexibility.”

The designs and suggestions were then adapted to meet the needs of the main Institute homepage (www.gatech.edu) and top-level Web pages such as those for news and research.

The new design will feature bold imagery and a clean and contemporary design aesthetic.

Common navigation headers and footers on the site will help create a consistent experience for users. Other new features will include an updated campus map, improved search function, and a shared faculty database.

“One of the biggest advances for the new site will be the adoption of a responsive design approach,” Holston added. “At the time of the last redesign, most people viewed websites on their desktops, but now more than half of our Web visitors view sites on a mobile device. This responsive format will allow visitors to easily view the websites — regardless of whether they are on a desktop or an iPhone.”

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Buzzworthy Achievements

The following Georgia Tech employees and units have been honored in recent months:

- The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers and the 2013 Georgia Engineers Week Planning Committee selected Craig Forest, assistant professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering, as the 2013 Engineer of the Year in Education recipient.
- The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics awarded the 2013 Bolt Ashley Award for Aeroclasticity to Dewey H. Hodges, professor in the School of Aerospace Engineering.
- Nazann Bassiri-Gharb, assistant professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering, received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award.
- Gary May, dean of the College of Engineering, Augustine Esogbue, professor in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering; S. Gordon Moore, executive director of student diversity and inclusion; and Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students, were honored by the Georgia Tech Black Alumni Organization.
- Clough Commons won the International Interior Design Association, Georgia Chapter, 2013 b.o.b. Award in the Sustainability category.
- Azad Naemi, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award.
- Paulette Richards, lecturer in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication, received a Fulbright Fellow Award.
- The 2013 Georgia Tech Building Manager of the Year Award was presented to Red Selton, facility manager for the Burger Henry Building.

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3BR/2BA newly renovated home in Marietta. 15 to 20 minutes to Tech. Easy access to I-75 and I-285. New kitchen appliances with granite countertops, plus alarm system. $1,325/mo. Available now. Call 678-371-5122.

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May 4

The bachelor’s commencement ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at McCamish Pavilion. The speaker at the morning ceremony will be Tom Fanning, chairman, CEO, and president of Southern Company. Kevin Riley, editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, will speak in the afternoon.

www.gatech.edu/commencement

The Yellow Jacket Baseball Team takes on Coastal Carolina at 6 p.m. at Chandler Stadium.

http://c.gatech.edu/1TXejc

May 7

Provost Rafael L. Bras and the College of Architecture invite you to a reception honoring Dean Alan Ballfour from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the West Architecture Building Atrium. RSVP to barbaras@ca.gatech.edu.

May 9

A summer transfer student FASET orientation will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on in room 1152, Clough Commons. Following a brief presentation, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Submit questions at http://c.gatech.edu/1TX6di

May 14

Join the Office for Human Resources as it rolls out the 2013 Reading Circle Series. The inaugural event is open to women in the campus community. The group will discuss Lean In — Women, Work, and the Will It Lead by Sheryl Sandberg from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. There is space for 75 participants. Register for the event at trains.gatech.edu.

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Child Care Centers Accepting New Enrollees

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AUXILIARY SERVICES

Time. There. There’s just not enough of it in the day — especially if your kids are in day care.

That’s where Georgia Tech’s child care centers come in handy. Both currently accepting applications for fall enrollment.

“While we can’t give Georgia Tech families actual time in their day, we can help by providing child care nearby that can save them time,” said Monica Woods, executive director of The Children’s Campus ® Georgia Tech and The R. Kirk Landon Learning Center.

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Briggs Loves Giving Applicants Good News

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

“Moments like these are just one of the many reasons why I love my job.”

In 2011, Briggs hand-delivered acceptance packets to students at Atlanta-area high schools who had been accepted to Tech. “We coordinated with the guidance counselors at the respective schools to surprise the students — they didn’t realize that we were hand-delivering the packets,” he added. “Moments like these are just one of the many reasons why I love my job.”

Chris Briggs (right) delivering an acceptance package to a student at Grady High School.

Would you rather a world with only Facebook or with only Twitter?

Twitter is fun because you can see people discovering things — think the Manti Te’o fake girlfriend incident — at the same time you are.

Where is your favorite campus spot?

North Avenue Dining Hall. You can’t beat the all-you-can-eat cereal available there.

Survey Reveals Split on Online vs. Paper Whistle

AMELIA PAVLIK
INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

Readers seem to be divided when it comes to whether they’d read The Whistle if it were only available online, according to the results of our recent readership survey.

Out of 344 faculty and staff members, 32.9 percent indicated that they would not read the print version, while 46.2 percent indicated that nothing would prevent them from reading an electronic version. This is one of the many pieces of information we learned from the survey, which was emailed to a sample of 1,021 Georgia Tech employees. Respondents came from units, colleges, and schools across campus, and included 329 staff members and 15 faculty members.

Other findings from the survey included the following:

• Fifty-seven percent indicated that they would not read the print version, while 5.3 percent indicated that they would not read it if there were a link with new content; and 18.6 percent would read an emailed PDF of The Whistle, while 27.3 percent said they were very likely to read an emailed PDF of The Whistle, 60.8 percent and 84.6 percent, respectively, were interested.

The information collected in this survey will be used to make informed decisions about The Whistle and its content going forward. If you have any comments or suggestions, email Editor Amelia Pavlik at editor@comm.gatech.edu.

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Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer illuminated village set of four buildings and miniature characters from claymation film. Made by Hawthorne Village. $100 for set. Email jgsvil@hotmail.com for photos.

For sale: white, wooden dining room table and four chairs, $100 OBO. 36-in. tube-style TV and large TV stand. Both in great condition, $125 OBO for the pair. Call Renee at 678-763-5549 or email agourdine@hotmail.com for photos.

For sale: Raptor 700R Boys ATV 12-Volt Battery-Powered Ride on. Two speeds and reverse. $125. Max capacity 130 lbs. Email atlanta.ga.seller@gmail.com. Great condition. $125 OBO for the pair.

For sale: Made by Hawthorne Village. $100 for set. Email jgsvil@hotmail.com for photos.

For sale: With frame, original package, and documentation. Asking $700 OBO. Email forguitars@gmail.com.

For sale: Beautiful 4BR/3BA for rent. 2,200 sq. ft., includes water and sewer. Email rick50@comcast.net. 404-769-4368.

For sale: Twin-size workstation loft bed with desk, CD rack, chair, and futon chairbed in excellent condition. Mattress and futon included. $225. Pictures available at www.prim.gatech.edu/~mdg/bed. Email nick59@comcast.net.

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