

Board Meeting  
July 24, 2008

APPOINT DEAN, GRADUATE COLLEGE, URBANA

**Action:** Approve Appointment of Dean, Graduate College, Urbana

**Funding:** Institutional Funds Operating Budget at Urbana

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended the appointment of Debasish Dutta, presently Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Scholar-in-Residence, Center for the Scholarship of Engineering Education, National Academy of Engineering, as Dean of the Graduate College, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, beginning January 16, 2009, at an annual salary of \$240,000. In addition, he will receive an administrative increment of \$30,000. Dr. Dutta will be appointed as Associate Provost, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning January 16, 2009.

Pending successful completion of a campus level tenure review, a recommendation will be forwarded to the Board for approval to appoint Dr. Dutta to the rank of Professor of Mechanical Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, and Professor of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, College of Engineering,

on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning January 16, 2009.

Dr. Dutta succeeds Dean Richard P. Wheeler, who has served in the executive role since 2000, and who will continue to serve as Vice Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

This recommendation is made with the advice of a search committee<sup>1</sup>.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with the recommendation.

The President of the University recommends approval.

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<sup>1</sup>Joel Ethan Cutcher-Gershenfeld, Professor and Dean, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, *Chair*; James D. Anderson, Professor, Edward William and Jane Marr Gutgsell Professor, and Head, Department of Educational Policy Studies, College of Education; Janice Mary Bahr, Professor of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Philip M. Best, Professor of Physiology, Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Physiology, Basic Sciences, College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign; Michael B. Bragg, Professor of Aerospace Engineering, and Associate Dean for Research and Administrative Affairs, College of Engineering; Dilip Chhajed, Professor of Business Administration and Director, Master of Science in Business Administration--International Program, Department of Business Administration, College of Business; Wojciech Chodzko-Zajko, Professor and Head, Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of Applied Health Sciences; Cynthia L. Fisher, Professor of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Alejandro Lugo, Associate Professor and Associate Head, Department of Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Kathryn J. Oberdeck, Associate Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Deborah Richie, Executive Assistant Dean, Graduate College; Jennifer Kirkpatrick Robbennolt, Professor, College of Law; Kelly Anne Tappenden, Associate Professor of Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, and Associate Dean, Graduate College; Deborah L. Thurston, Professor, Co-Director, Technology and Management, and Interim Head, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, College of Engineering; Daniel Z. Turner, Graduate Student in Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering.

## DEBASISH DUTTA

## Education

Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India, B.S., 1978

University of Evansville, Indiana, M.S., 1983

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Ph.D., 1989

## Professional and Other Experience

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1989-95, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; 1994-96, Graduate Program Financial Aid Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering; 1995-2000, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering; 1997-2001, Director, Program in Manufacturing, College of Engineering; 1999-2001, Founding Director, Interdisciplinary Professional Programs, College of Engineering; 2000-date, Professor of Mechanical Engineering; 2002-2003, Associate Chair and Graduate Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering; 2002-2004, Founding Director, Globalization Technology and Culture Initiative, College of Literature Science and the Arts, International Institute; 2005-date, Founding Director, Product Lifecycle Management Alliance

National Science Foundation, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, 2004-2007, Advisor, Office of Assistant Director, Acting Division Director for Division of Graduate Education Program, and Director, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship National Recruitment Program (IGERT)

National Academy of Engineering, Center for the Advancement of Scholarship on Engineering Education, 2007-date, Scholar-in-Residence at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor