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# APPOINT DEAN, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, CHICAGO

**Action:** Appoint Dean, College of Engineering

**Funding:** State Appropriated Funds

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Omolola Eniola-Adefeso, presently Vennema Endowed Professor of Chemical Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, professor of macromolecular science and engineering, associate dean for graduate and professional education, College of Engineering; and university diversity and social transformation professor, University of Michigan, as dean, College of Engineering, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of $400,000 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of $327,273 plus two-ninths annualization of $72,727), and an administrative increment of $50,000, beginning October 16, 2024, for a total annual salary of $450,000.

In addition, Dr. Eniola-Adefeso will be appointed to the rank of professor in the Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, effective October 16, 2024.

This recommendation was forwarded from the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs after consultation with the search committee,[[1]](#footnote-1) a review of references, and extensive interviews.

Dr. Eniola-Adefeso succeeds Dr. Peter C. Nelson, who will return to the faculty effective October 15, 2024.

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.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

OMOLOLA ENIOLA-ADEFESO

Education

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, BS, 1999

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, MSE, 2000; PhD, 2004

Professional and Other Experience

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, 2004-06, postdoctoral fellow, Section of Leukocyte Biology

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2006-13, assistant professor of chemical engineering; 2013-17, associate professor of chemical engineering, associate professor of biomedical engineering; 2017-21, associate chair, Department of Chemical Engineering; 2017-date, professor of chemical engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, professor of macromolecular science and engineering; 2019-date, university diversity and social transformation professor; 2021-date, associate dean for graduate and professional education; 2023-date, Vennema Endowed Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA; 2010, visiting assistant professor of chemical engineering

University of Chicago, 2013-14, visiting associate professor, Institute of Molecular Engineering

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 2022, MLK Visiting Professor of Chemical Engineering

1. Mark Rosenblatt, *chair*, UIC Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, professor of pharmacology and regenerative medicine, and G. Stephen Irwin Dean, College of Medicine, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics; Rosemarie Coppola-Conroy, director of Engineering Career Center, College of Engineering; Raynard D. Crosland, assistant vice chancellor, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Advancement; Houshang Darabi, professor and head, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, professor of computer science, College of Engineering; Barbara Di Eugenio, professor and director of graduate studies, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering, professor of linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; David Jonathan Hofman, professor of physics and executive associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Miiri Ann Kotche, clinical professor of biomedical engineering, Richard and Loan Hill Clinical Professor of Biomedical Engineering, associate dean for graduate studies, College of Engineering, clinical professor, Department of Medical Education and director, Innovation in Medicine Program, College of Medicine; Carmen M. Lilley, associate professor of mechanical engineering and associate dean for graduate studies and inclusive excellence, College of Engineering; Ying Liu, professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Satish Saxena Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering; Jeffrey Niew, president and chief executive officer, Knowles Corporation; Nadia Nikolova, PhD student, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering; Didem Ozevin, professor of civil, materials, and environmental engineering, College of Engineering; Michael E. Papka, professor of computer science, College of Engineering; Dale F. Reed, clinical professor of computer science, College of Engineering; Rebecca Rugg, professor of theatre, School of Theatre and Music and dean, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts; Thomas Searles, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering; Elsa Mayela Soto, director of minority affairs, College of Engineering; Monica Tith, associate dean for administration, College of Engineering; Daniela Tuninetti, professor and head, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering [↑](#footnote-ref-1)