



Two Associate Deans Announced by College of Engineering

Dr. Fred Mannering is named associate dean of research and Dr. Sanjukta Bhanja is named associate dean for academics and student affairs.

Robert H. Bishop, Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of South Florida recently appointed faculty members to the position of associate dean. The appointments fill two positions that have been open for more than a year.

“I am pleased to have these leadership positions staffed with such high-caliber, dedicated faculty,” said Bishop. “Our student population has grown more than 50 percent over the past five years and filling these positions helps keep the College on track with our strategic plan and fulfills our support pillars of impactful discovery and educational leadership.”

Fred Mannering, who will serve as associate dean of research, is professor of civil and environmental engineering and a nationally recognized transportation researcher whose specialty is in the application of statistical and econometric methods to study highway safety, transportation economics, automobile demand, and travel behavior. His research has been published widely and cited thousands of times. He received his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Sanjukta Bhanja, a professor in the Dept. of Electrical Engineering, will serve as associate dean for academics and student affairs. Her primary research focus is in non-CMOS nano-computing, exploring novel state variables, alternate computing paradigm with heterogeneous devices, VLSI design automation with emphasis on data-driven uncertainties, trade-off of error, power, and reliability at various levels of design abstractions. She also is a recipient of an NSF CAREER award. She received her Ph.D. in computer science and engineering from the University of South Florida.

Mannering’s appointment is effective starting in September 2016. Bhanja, who is currently on sabbatical, will assume her duties by the end of December 2016.

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