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New Chair of Engineering Named in the College of Technology and Computer Science

Greenville, N.C. (March 31, 2010)—O. Hayden Griffin, Jr. has been named the new chair of the Department of Engineering in the College of Technology and Computer Science at East Carolina University.

Griffin began his career at the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory (currently Naval Surface Warfare Center), in Dahlgren, Virginia. He subsequently held positions at BF Goodrich in Akron, Ohio, Bendix Advanced Technology Center in Columbia, Maryland, the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, and he is currently at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Dr. Griffin joined the faculty at Virginia Tech in 1985 as an associate professor in the College of Engineering where he is currently serving as professor and head of the department of engineering education.

“T've been aware of the developing Engineering Department at ECU for several years, and I'm very fortunate and excited to have the opportunity to participate in the next stages of its development.” Griffin said. “In addition to providing excellent educational and career opportunities for young women and men, the ECU Engineering program has become an engine of economic and workforce development for eastern North Carolina.
Engineering is an exciting, creative profession that strives to make the earth a better place for all people, and the graduates of this program are well prepared for that task.”

“I’m delighted that Dr. Griffin has decided to join the college. He has a distinguished record in the field of engineering.” said David White, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science. “His leadership will no doubt be a tremendous asset to our engineering program and to the college.”

Griffin holds both a bachelor and master degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University and a Ph.D. in engineering mechanics from Virginia Tech.

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