New Vice Chancellor Appointed

Rodney E. Harrigan has been named the new vice chancellor for information technology and chief information officer at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The announcement was made following approval by the N.C. A&T Board of Trustees and the UNC Board of Governors.

Harrigan had been associate vice chancellor for computing and information technology and chief information officer since September 2000.

Effective immediately, Harrigan will serve on the senior management team, the Chancellor’s Cabinet. He will report to Provost Carolyn Meyers.

“We are delighted to appoint Rodney Harrigan to this expanded role,” Renick said. “He is a highly competent administrator who understands the human dimensions of technology as well as technology infrastructure issues. This appointment is the first step as we implement our strategic visioning process.”

“Harrigan’s expertise is vital now ... we are in a critical phase of institutional development where technology is absolutely vital,” Meyers said. “His proven experience and leadership will help build the technological infrastructure needed for our future growth.”

Harrigan returned to A&T last fall after serving as director of the information technology group for the Center for Creative Leadership and vice president of training and development for Discovery Learning. From 1991 to 1998, he served in several positions at A&T including assistant to the dean of the College of Engineering, associate chairman of the computer science department, associate dean of the College of Engineering, director of undergraduate computer science programs and professor of computer science.

Prior to 1991, Harrigan was employed with IBM for 23 years in a variety of management positions across the country. He also was an adjunct professor at several colleges and universities including Bennett College, Federal City College, Howard University, Post College and Winston-Salem State University.

Harrigan’s educational background includes a B.S. degree in mathematics from Paine College and a M.S. in computer science from Howard University and Post College.

Recognition was given to 26 N.C. A&T faculty and staff members at the annual retirement reception and dinner held May 29 in Memorial Student Union.

Individuals with 30 or more years of service to the university are: Lillian M. Couch, director of human resources, 35 years; G. Sitrena McLendon, office assistant, mathematics department, 34; Amarjit Singh, professor, political science, 32; Jimmy L. Williams, professor, English, 32; Sullivan A. Welborne Jr., vice chancellor for student affairs, 32; Daniel D. Godfrey, professor, cooperative extension, 31; Carolyn D. Welborn, accountant, contacts and grants, 30; Donna L. Bass, administrative secretary, accounting, 30; Barbara J. Hill, lecturer, English, 30; and Linwood Q. Moore, police officer, 30.

Celebrating 25 to 29 years of service are: Yvonne P. Dewar, assistant to the chancellor, 29 years; Gloria Dyson Pay, computing consultant, computing and information technology, 29; Joseph A. Williams, director of housing and residence life, 29; Evelyn H. Gailes, assistant director of purchasing, 27; Frank Walker Jr., stock clerk, housing and residence life, 26; Grace B. Potts, student services assistant, 26; Joyce H. Johnson, director of transportation institute, 26; Yvonne M. Neal, housekeeper, health services, 25; and Leonard P. Hicks, technician, cooperative extension, 25.

Retiring with 24 years of service or less are: Moonok Kim, assistant professor/librarian, 24 years; Lawrence L. Shornack, associate professor, sociology, 23; Marion M. Mills, processing assistant, continuing education / summer school, 23; Levonia B. Fuller, housekeeper, student health center, 18; Arup Mallik, professor, industrial engineering, 18; Josephine C. Luck, director of teaching fellows program/quality assurance, 10; and Martha B. Boshen, clinical instructor, nursing, 5.
Princeville Breaks Ground on New Center

Breaking ground for the new East Tarboro-Princeville Community Economic Development Center are Kim Tillman Graham, executive director, East Tarboro-Princeville CDC; Dr. Robert Pyke, co-project director; HUD grant; Linda Tillman, executive project coordinator; HUD grant; Dr. Musibau Shoofahwe, project director; HUD grant; Dr. Earnestine Walker, interim associate dean, School of Technology, Dr. Earnestine Prattmen, vice chancellor, research and sponsored programs; and David Hoot, vice chancellor, development and university relations.

In a noonday ceremony held June 1, the East Tarboro-Princeville Community Development Corporation broke ground on the Housing and Economic Development Center, at 212 Main St. in Princeville.

The Housing and Economic Development Center, scheduled for completion by September, will accommodate 100 people and will include meeting and training rooms available to the community.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University will provide the East Tarboro-Princeville Community Development Corporation (ETPCDC) with $90,000 in assistance in building the center. ETPCD will help ETPDC finance the remainder of the construction.

Once the center is built, N.C. A&T and ETPDC will use the facility as a setting to provide housing counseling, small business entrepreneurship training, skills assessment and computer training to Princeville residents.

“We chose to work with Princeville, because of the community’s needs and because of the strong support of the ETPDC,” said Dr. Musibau Shoofahwe, an associate professor in A&T’s department of construction management and safety, director of the project. "This grant is part of a HUD program designed to help historically black colleges and universities expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, and we feel that Princeville can benefit from that effort.”

Princeville, the first United States community founded by former slaves, was declared a federal disaster area after extensive flooding in 1999.

The East Tarboro-Princeville Community Development Corporation was founded in March 1999 with a mission to promote sustainable community development in eastern Edgecombe County by providing affordable housing, economic empowerment and educational opportunities.

For more information, contact Kim Tillman Graham, East Tarboro-Princeville Community Development Corporation, (252) 641-51.01.

TCSS Program Certified

The Center for Student Success’ Student Athlete Tutorial Program met all requirements and has been certified by the College Reading and Learning Association’s (CRLA) International Tutor Certification Program, Level I.

The tutorial program is now eligible to issue tutor certificates, through June 30, 2002, to tutors that meet CRLA requirements for this level. Amanda Williams, coordinator for academic monitoring of student athletes, was instrumental in assuring that North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University received certification.

Faculty, Staff, Administrators to Meet Aug. 13-14

Opening activities for the new academic year, 2001-02 will be held Aug. 13-14 for faculty, staff and administrators of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

The format for the opening day activities will differ from previous Faculty/Staff Institutes, and there will not be an Administrators Conference.

Day 1 activities begin with an orientation session for new faculty, sponsored by the Academy for Teaching and Learning. They will then join all faculty and staff in Harrison Auditorium for the chancellor's opening address and lunch on the lawn. Afternoon meetings are yet to be announced. Day 2 is planned as a benefits orientation for new employees.

More details are forthcoming. Check the university's website, www.ncat.edu, for updates.