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## Interim dean of SECS named

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Effective February 1, Associate Dean Bhushan Bhatt will serve as interim dean of the **School of Engineering and Computer Science** (SECS).

Dr. Bhatt began his service as associate dean in 1987 after having been acting associate dean for two years. He completed his Ph.D. in engineering (fluid and thermal systems) at Oakland University in 1978, thereafter joining the faculty as a visiting assistant professor. He was appointed assistant professor in 1979, associate professor with tenure in 1984 and professor in 1988.

"We have an excellent and dedicated faculty in the School of Engineering and Computer Science," Bhatt said. "My role as the interim dean would be to help them in every way possible to provide excellent education to our undergraduate and graduate students and do relevant research on the problems of mutual interest to the industrial community. I would also like to help nurture their relationship, particularly our newly hired young faculty members, with our industrial community in southeastern Michigan even further than what it is today."

As associate dean of SECS, Dr. Bhatt was involved in many activities, including oversight of the SECS Minority Programs; coordination of the Introduction to Engineering and Professional Engineering courses; preparation of accreditation reports for the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB); and administration of the Ph.D. in Systems Engineering. He also is active as a researcher and joint-authored two articles with C.J. Kobus and G.L. Wedekind, which appeared in the ASME Journal of Heat Transfer this past year.

"I am delighted that Dr. Bhatt has agreed to serve as interim dean of SECS," said Louis Esposito, provost and professor of economics. "He brings to his new position a wealth of experience and knowledge with respect to the teaching, research and outreach mission of SECS. His years of dedicated service to Oakland University as both a faculty member and as associate dean of SECS have earned him the respect and support of the entire university community."

### SUMMARY

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