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Texas A&M at Qatar announces new dean

Dr. César O. Malavé has taken his post as dean of Texas A&M University at Qatar.

Malavé was previously professor and head of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Texas A&M University and holder of the Sugar and Mike Barnes Department Head Chair. He was named to his new post earlier this spring.

“Texas A&M University at Qatar is educating the next generation of engineering leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs in the State of Qatar and I am honored to have been selected to serve in this capacity,” Malavé said. “I look forward to the opportunity to work with the faculty and staff as they continue to educate world-class engineers and conduct relevant, impactful research that addresses Qatar’s Grand Challenges.”

Malavé succeeds Dr. Mark H. Weichold, who stepped down as dean and CEO to become executive director for the Halliburton Global Engineering Program in Texas A&M’s College of Engineering. Dr. Ann L. Kenimer has served as interim dean since Weichold’s term ended in December 2015.

As dean of Texas A&M at Qatar, Malavé is responsible for administrating and managing the academic, research and outreach programs of the branch campus, as well as for providing vision and direction for the engineering-oriented branch campus in Qatar. The branch campus offers Bachelor of Science degrees in petroleum engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, and a Master of Science and a Master of Engineering in chemical engineering.

Before his appointment as department head, Malavé served in a variety of administrative positions in the College of Engineering at Texas A&M. These included assistant dean for international programs, assistant and associate director of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), and associate dean for recruitment and international programs. In this latter role he was responsible for all

international collaborations and undergraduate recruitment programs.

Internationally recognized for his contributions to engineering education, Malavé brings more than 30 years of service with Texas A&M to his new role. Under his leadership the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering has recruited new faculty at both the junior and senior levels, developed a new advanced manufacturing initiative, and launched major initiatives to revitalize the undergraduate curriculum and graduate program. In addition, as lead principal investigator for Texas A&M's participation in a 10-year National Science Foundation-funded Foundation Coalition Grant to revamp engineering education, Malavé coordinated all activities related to curricula development, implementation, and outcomes assessment across partner institutions, and disseminated the resulting educational model through workshops in the United States and abroad.

He is a registered professional engineer and fellow of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineering, earning his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering and his Master of Science in operations research from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from the University of South Florida.

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Texas A&M University, recognized as having one of the premier engineering programs in the world, has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation's Education City campus since 2003, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded nearly 725 degrees since 2007. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar provides classes in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. All four of the engineering programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are materially the same as those offered at the main campus in College Station, Texas, and the courses in Doha are taught in English in a co-educational setting. The reputation for excellence is the same, as is the commitment to equip engineers to lead the next generation of engineering advancement. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to provide this educational experience and to participate in research activities now valued at more than \$224 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit www.qatar.tamu.edu.