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TWU NAMES ROBERT NEELY AS NEW PROVOST, VPAA

Texas Woman's University has named Dr. Robert Neely as its new provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Neely currently is the associate provost and associate vice president for research at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich. and will begin his duties at TWU on Jan. 3, 2011.

"Dr. Neely clearly demonstrated his strength as an academic leader, his respect of process and shared governance, and a serious understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face higher education during his interactions with the TWU community," TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart said. "With Dr. Neely's leadership, I believe our faculty will pursue a continued quest of excellence, and I look forward to our years together."

Dr. Neely has more than 25 years of academic experience at Eastern Michigan University, including more than 12 years of senior administrative experience with roles as acting and interim provost for the university and positions as the department head for biology, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of biology. He also has supervised the master's work of 22 graduate students, and has received many awards and accolades, including the John A. Moffit Award for outstanding publication and the State of Michigan Teaching Excellence Award.

"I am humbled and delighted to be selected as the next TWU provost," Dr. Neely said. "I want the entire university community to know that they can depend on me to be open, friendly, honest, accessible and forward thinking as I work tirelessly on behalf of TWU to enhance its role in meeting the higher education needs of the citizens of Texas."

Dr. Neely said he was interested in TWU because of its national reputation in nursing and the health sciences, its blend of strong graduate and undergraduate programs and because of the university's niche in providing an outstanding mix of professional programs with the arts and humanities.

"I also am looking forward to working with the faculty to build on TWU's standards of excellence in academics to help the university continue to provide an affordable and practical higher education for Texans, which is most important to me," he said.

Dr. Neely earned his Ph.D. in botany from Iowa State University. A native of Waco, he

received his master's degree in biology from Baylor University and his bachelor's degree from Southwest Baptist College.

Dr. Neely replaces former TWU Provost Kay Clayton, who left the university last spring due to health reasons. Acting TWU Provost Dr. Keith McFarland will continue to serve the university until the end of the fall semester.

"Dr. McFarland has been a tremendous leader during this transition period, and I cannot thank him enough for his service to TWU," Dr. Stuart said.

Chancellor Stuart also praised members of the TWU Provost Search Committee for the process they developed to assist with the provost selection.

"I am particularly grateful to Dr. Don Edwards, chair of the search committee, and the committee's staff for their exceptional work overseeing the details of such a comprehensive search," Dr. Stuart said.

Dr. Edwards said the 12-member search committee, made up of TWU faculty, students, staff and administrators, was pleased with the response to its national recruitment efforts for the provost position.

"The search committee is excited about the appointment of Dr. Neely as the next provost, and we look forward to working with him as he helps TWU move toward a strong future," said Dr. Edwards, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the TWU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

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KUDLAC RETIRING AFTER 2011 SEASON

Frank Kudlac, the only gymnastics head coach Texas Woman's University has ever had, announced he will retire at the end of the season after an illustrious coaching career that began in 1978.

After 33 years as a coach, Kudlac will end his TWU coaching career effective May 31, 2011.

"The primary reason for my decision to retire is really three reasons – my family – Will, Sydney and Johnna," said Kudlac. "I want to spend as much time as possible during this window of opportunity of Will's and Sydney's school years and be there for them as they grow, mature and develop into young adults and to share those family moments with my wife Johnna and experience all the joys they bring to our lives! I have put 33 years of my heart and soul into doing this for all my gymnasts at TWU and now, I can do this for my family."

Kudlac has been the face of the gymnastics program since his arrival at TWU as a graduate student in 1978. Recruiting seven young women from classes and on campus, Kudlac started a club team in 1978. He quickly nurtured this group into a varsity squad in 1980, and has successfully built it into a nine-time national champion.

Under Kudlac's leadership, the Pioneers have captured nine USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships. TWU won four consecutive titles from 1993-1996, and then went on to win the USAGCNC crown on five more occasions - 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2008. No other school has won more than two USAG Collegiate National Championships.

The Pioneers also captured 25 USAG individual event national titles and six all-around national titles. In 1999, TWU became the only school in the history of USAG collegiate competition to win all of the event titles.

Kudlac also has earned numerous personal awards. He is an eight-time NCAA Division II Coach of the Year selection (1993-96, 1999, 2000, 2006, and 2010), a five-time USA Gymnastics Collegiate Coach of the Year (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 2000), and the 2010 MIC Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the West Chester (Pa.) University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

Assistant gymnastics coach Lisa Bowerman has been promoted to associate head coach for the 2011 season. She will become the new head coach of the TWU gymnastics program upon Kudlac's retirement.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

The TWU and Brookhaven College flute choirs will join forces with Denton's own Grammy®-winning **Brave Combo** during the 17th annual **Monster Flute Choir Concert** at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 in MJPH. Admission is free.

Remember: Pledge forms for SECC **are due Friday, Oct. 29**. If you've misplaced your form, contact your Torchbearer or Dr. Ruth Johnson at 81-3383 for a new form.

UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and

Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)

Dr. **Jake Blosser's** (history and government) article, "John Tillotson's Latitudinarian Legacy: Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy, and the Pursuit of Happiness," has been accepted for publication in *Anglican and Episcopal History*, the quarterly journal of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Mon., Oct. 25

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Qualitative Research Workshop Series Session: Coding and analysis of photographs and images, 5 p.m., MCL 310.

Tues., Oct. 26

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., away.

Wed., Oct. 27

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- SECC Charity Ball volleyball tournament, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

Thur., Oct. 28

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- "Managing the Challenge of Change," 9:30 a.m., Denton, Dallas and Houston. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.twu.edu/training-orientation/6083.asp>
- "Boo at the U" annual fall festival, 6-8 p.m., <http://www.twu.edu/student-union/events.asp>
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Midwestern State, 4 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., away.

Fri., Oct. 29

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore closed for inventory; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Seminar Series Special Event: Nutrition and Food Sciences. Guest speaker Satya Prakas, Ph.D., Center for Biomedical Research, McGill University presents "A

New Approach to Colon Cancer Therapy using Microencapsulated Bacterial Cell Formulations,” noon, ACT 301, IHSH 3322, DPH and DED upon request.

Sat., Oct. 30

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. East Central, 11 a.m., away.

Sun., Oct. 31

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Abilene Christian, 1 p.m., home.

Mon., Nov. 1

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- El Dia De Los Muertos, 7 p.m., SU 207. Presented by the Office of Intercultural Services.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian (exhibition), 7 p.m., home.

Tues, Nov. 2

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed, Nov. 3

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. North Texas (exhibition), away.

Thurs., Nov. 4

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- “Generation to Generation” seminar, 9:30 a.m., ACT 501. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.twu.edu/training-orientation/6083.asp>
- Cultural Connections Leadership Conference, 4 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Incarnate Word, 7 p.m., home.

Friday, Nov.5

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Saturday, Nov. 6

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Transfer Connection information session, 8:30 a.m., ACT 2.

- Pioneers Volleyball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2 p.m., home.

Sunday, Nov. 7

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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