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TTU CoE Dean Joseph Rencis Named President-Elect of American Society of Engineering Education

In April, Tennessee Tech University College of Engineering dean Joseph Rencis was elected the 2014-2015 president-elect of the American Society of Engineering Education. His term will include service as president-elect in 2014-2015, president in 2015-2016 and past president for 2016-2017. Prior to this post, Rencis served as chair of the society's Professional Interest Council.

"I'm extremely pleased and honored by my election to this position," said Rencis. "In my 29 years as an educator, I've been very committed to transformative learning experiences for students, such as study-abroad, co-op and experiential learning, research and independent study. I've seen how these experiences enhance retention and graduation rates, and I think that together we can help develop the well-rounded 21st century renaissance engineers needed to address this country's current shortfall in qualified engineers."

Rencis' commitment to engineering education has led him to be heavily engaged with ASEE; he has published 40 papers at ASEE conferences and attended every ASEE annual conference and exposition since 1995. In addition to his post with the Professional Interest Council, he has been a continuing member of the ASEE board of directors and member of the deans' council public policy committee.

Rencis has served as chair of the Mechanics Division, chair of the Mechanical Engineering Division and chair of the Midwest Section; his awards include the Mechanics Division James L. Meriam Service Award, New England Section Outstanding Teaching Award and Midwest Section Outstanding Service in Program Sponsorship.

Founded in 1893, ASEE is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance education in engineering and engineering technology through worldwide leadership, promoting technological education in society, striving toward excellence in instruction and research and providing top-quality resources to members. ASEE's commitments extend to corporations, government agencies and educational institutions, with a membership comprised of deans, department heads, faculty, students and representatives from government and industry, including 400 engineering and engineering technology colleges and more than 50 corporations.



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