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10.07.2009 | Engineering  University of Dayton School of Engineering Dean Tony Saliba has announced the appointments of Charles Browning to chair of the department of chemical and materials engineering and Bob Wilkens to director of the chemical engineering program.

Browning and Wilkens take over duties from Saliba, who was chair of the University of Dayton's chemical and materials engineering department and oversaw both programs.

Browning, the Torley Endowed Chair in Chemical and Materials Engineering, joined the department in 2005 after retiring as the director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's materials and manufacturing directorate at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. As director of the materials and manufacturing directorate, Browning led the activities of more than 1,300 employees with a budget of more than $400 million.

"Dr. Browning is a leading authority in the area of composite materials engineering. He has a distinguished record in research, teaching and technical leadership," Saliba said about Browning, the first doctoral graduate of the University of Dayton's School of Engineering. "His vast experience and dedication to the University will serve our school and University well."

Wilkens, also a University of Dayton graduate, has taught in the University's chemical engineering department for 11 years. Prior to that, he worked at the Shell Westhollow Research Center in Houston. Wilkens also has been a consultant for mixing company ReyNo Inc., Shell and NCR Corp.

"He is a team builder and has collaborated in teaching and research projects. He led the upgrade of our unit operations laboratory, which is currently rated among the best undergraduate laboratories in the country," Saliba said. "Dr. Wilkens' dedication to the University and community, and his energy and enthusiasm, will serve us well."

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