

To: EE Students, Staff and Faculty
From: Denice Denton

As you know, Prof. Chizeck has resigned as Chair of EE effective September 15th.

I want to thank Howard for the outstanding work he has done over the last five years. As you all know, the EE Department has grown and thrived under his leadership. This has been recognized both on campus and nationally as evidenced by the increase in national rankings. The department's visibility and profile are higher than they have ever been.

Under Prof. Chizeck's leadership, EE has recruited an outstanding cadre of new faculty at all ranks. These faculty have collaborated effectively with both the strong EE faculty who were here prior to their arrival and faculty from other departments and colleges on both education and research initiatives.

Prof. Chizeck has led the department to a more student-centered approach to education.

He has overseen curriculum revision, improvements to student services such as advising and increased participation in undergraduate research. Graduate student recruitment has also dramatically improved under his leadership.

In addition, Howard has successfully enhanced the department culture through programs such as student and staff awards, department socials and technical seminars.

Prof. Chizeck has also provided leadership at the campus level in areas such as accountability and TA unionization.

It is impossible to enumerate Prof. Chizeck's myriad contributions at all levels of the UW. He has made a large and positive impact on the Department, the College and the Campus.

Please join me in thanking and recognizing Howard for his outstanding achievements and contributions as EE Department Chair!

I will communicate with you shortly regarding a transition plan for the coming academic year.