

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Dr. Abdelrahman is new VPAA

Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman has been chosen as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs. He holds a Ph.D. in Nuclear Science and Engineering from Idaho State University. He currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University in Kingsville, Texas. Tech will officially welcome Dr. Abdelrahman on June 1, 2016.

## Fulbright Scholar Competition

The 2017-18 Core U.S. Fulbright Scholar Competition has begun. Opportunities to 125+ countries are now open for application at <http://catalog.cies.org/>. Interested faculty should visit the Council for International Exchange of Scholars website, [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org), for more information about all of the Fulbright programs. Please contact Dr. Micheal Tarver, Fulbright Scholar Liaison at 880-4285 or [mtarver@atu.edu](mailto:mtarver@atu.edu) for further details.

## Brown Building

The Brown Building is nearing completion with offices scheduled to move in March. The building aims to be a "one stop shop" for students housing the Admissions Office, Registrar, Student Accounts and Financial Aid. Select Administration & Finance offices will also be located in the Brown Building including the Budget Office and Human Resources. There are nine classrooms in the building with classes scheduled to begin in fall 2016. The classrooms will be primarily used by freshman, with one room designated for TECH 1001 and one room designated for CSP 1013. A third room will be used by the College of Business and is considered a "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) collaboration room. All classrooms are equipped with state of the art technology including 80" television monitors for classroom displays and moveable desks and chairs to optimize group work efforts.

## Message from Information Systems

The Office of Information Systems/Support Services will be updating the common core software images to include The Microsoft Office 2016 Suite by the fall 2016 term. A Windows 10 upgrade is in the final testing stages for this time frame as well. Thank you for helping us create a positive new term experience for everyone.

- Any new faculty or staff computer that needs to be reimaged from that point on will include Office 2016 and, barring any difficulties, Windows 10.
- Deans and department heads will receive a list of software currently loaded on lab images before the end of this spring term. These will also be available on our website <https://ois.atu.edu/software/>. It is very important that you communicate any changes for any lab at your earliest convenience. [CampusSupport@atu.edu](mailto:CampusSupport@atu.edu) 479-968-0646
- Remember to think about software you may need for the fall as you are ordering books. We want to include any book related software in the labs prior to the first day of classes in the fall. The book deadline date is March 30.
- Any new software will need to be evaluated for its technical feasibility within our infrastructure. This takes time. Please complete the form located here as soon as you possibly can to avoid delays the first week or two after classes begin in the fall. <https://ois.atu.edu/hardwaresoftware-purchase-application/>

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## Dates to Remember:

- Mid-term grades due for freshman and sophomores by 11:59P, February 25.
- Official summer and fall schedules available on the web, March 1.
- Early registration for summer and fall, March 14—April 22.
- Spring holidays, 7:00A March 21—7:00A March 28.
- Ozark Strategic Planning Open Forum, 9:00A—10:30A April 1.
- Online catalogs posted to website, April 1.
- Deadline for Professional Development Grant Applications, April 15.
- Reading Day, April 27.
- End of course examinations, 7:00P April 27—5:30P May 3.