

# Eastern Michigan University names Mohamad Qatu as new dean of the College of Technology

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**YPSILANTI, Mich.** – Mohamad Qatu, director of the School of Engineering and Technology at Central Michigan University, has been named the dean of the College of Technology at Eastern Michigan University.

Qatu has served as the director of the School of Engineering and Technology at CMU since 2011. Before that, he was a professor of mechanical engineering from 2008-2011 at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss.



His extensive industry background includes research and managerial roles with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn from 2000-2008, and as a senior research engineer at the Dana Corporation in Auburn Hills from 1997-2000.

Qatu's selection, announced to the Eastern campus today, Friday, April 17, by EMU Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs Kim Schatzel, comes after a national search that brought four finalists to campus for interviews and public forums.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Qatu will be joining Eastern Michigan University," said Provost Schatzel. "He brings an outstanding background in the preparation of students for leadership in technology and related fields, and is a national thought leader in aspects of engineering mechanics."

Qatu's appointment is effective July 1, subject to approval by the EMU Board of Regents. His annual salary will be \$172,000.

"I'm excited and honored to accept this opportunity at Eastern Michigan," said Qatu. "The College of Technology has outstanding opportunities for growth and a unique setting. It has the talent to advance the industry, business and government communities and institutions in the Midwest region and the state of Michigan, particularly the southeastern Michigan area."

Schatzel acknowledged the work of the search committee, chaired by Dr. James Carroll, associate provost and associate vice president for administration. She also acknowledged the service of Interim Dean Wade Tornquist, who has led the College of Technology since July 1, 2012.

“Dr. Tornquist is a dedicated and highly talented administrator. He served as a strong leader for the College and is greatly respected by faculty and peers,” Schatzel said.

Qatu, a native of Jordan, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Yarmouk University in Jordan, and his master's and doctoral degrees in engineering mechanics from The Ohio State University.

His professional interests include composite structures, vibrations, engineering design and automotive engineering.

He has published more than 140 research articles, most of which are in refereed journals. He is the editor in chief of the International Journal of Vehicle Noise and Vibration; the author of 4 books; and a Fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He has two patents and prior art registered to his credit on noise suppression.