

Principal Daniel Woolf announces that Brian Surgenor has been reappointed Associate Dean (Research, Graduate Studies and External Affairs) in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science for a three-year term effective July 1, 2011.

Dr. Surgenor holds B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Queen's, and an M.Eng. degree in Engineering Physics from McMaster University. He joined Queen's Department of Mechanical Engineering as a Sessional Lecturer in 1979, served as Head of Department from 1993 to 2002 and attained the rank of professor in 1996. He served again as Acting Head of Mechanical and Materials Engineering from 2007 to 2008. He became the Faculty's first Associate Dean (Research, Graduate Studies and External Affairs) in March 1, 2008.

During his term at Queen's, Dr. Surgenor has taken sabbaticals to work for companies in Australia (Sydney), Sweden (Lund) and the UK (Bath). He has developed strong industrial connections through his research program and teaching initiatives in the areas of automatic controls, intelligent inspection systems and mechatronics engineering. Over the past 10 years, the list of companies that he has worked with include Autosystems, Halla Climate Control, Orlick Industries, Schlumberger International, Transformix Engineering and Van-Rob.

Dr. Surgenor was the elected researcher representative on the board of the AUTO21 Network of Centers of Excellence for over 3 years and continues to serve on the boards of a number of research centres and educational institutes. He was responsible for Queen's becoming a member of the Advanced Design and Manufacturing Institute (ADMI) and the Partners for the Advancement of CAD/CAM/CAE Education (PACE).