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Four Finalists for Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies to Visit Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Four finalists for the position of associate vice president for Research and dean of Graduate Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will visit the campus between June 9-16 to meet with faculty and staff.

In March, University President Flavius Killebrew appointed a search committee to identify and interview candidates to succeed Dr. Harvey Knull who will retire in July. Following the campus visits, the search committee that screened initial candidates will make further recommendations to Dr. Killebrew. The finalists and their campus visit dates are:

- **Wednesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 10** - Dr. Luis Cifuentes is executive associate dean and associate dean for Research for the College of Geosciences at Texas A&M University in College Station and a professor in the Department of Oceanography. His responsibilities include fostering college research activity, promoting and developing international research partnerships, and serving on the Texas A&M University Research Council. An open forum with Dr. Cifuentes will be held on Wednesday, June 9, from 4-4:50 p.m. in Science and Technology, Room 107.

- **Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12** - Dr. Lisa Ann Cooper Colvin is acting dean of the Graduate School at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and provides administrative oversight and direction for the Graduate School and the Office of Research. Dr. Colvin reorganized the graduate school at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and reduced the average time for admissions decisions at that institution from 57 to 11 days. An open forum with Dr. Colvin will be held on Friday, June 11, from 2-2:50 p.m. in Science and Technology, Room 107.

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Monday, June 14, and Tuesday, June 15 - Dr. Mohammad S. Alam is professor and chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of South Alabama. An electrical engineer, Dr. Alam is an expert in image processing and pattern recognition and his extensive list of funding sponsors includes National Science Foundation, NASA, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Defense. He also has extensive experience in curriculum development and supporting and developing graduate programs. An open forum with Dr. Alam will be held on Monday, June 14, from 4-4:50 p.m. in Science and Technology, Room 107.

Wednesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 17 - Dr. Joseph C. Hall is vice president for Research and Economic Development at Norfolk State University and director of the university’s Center for Biotechnology and Biomedical Sciences. An entrepreneur and researcher, Dr. Hall founded a company, Innovative Reproductive Technologies that was based on his own research related to infertility and male contraception. His research has been funded by both National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. An open forum with Dr. Hall will be held on Wednesday, June 16, from 4-4:50 p.m. in Science and Technology, Room 107.

“We are delighted to have been able to attract such a talented group of people to consider this opportunity at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi,” said Dr. Paul Meyer, vice provost for Academic Affairs and chair of the search committee. “We hope that the University community will take full advantage of opportunities to meet with the finalists while they are on campus and send the search committee their thoughts on the candidates.”

The search committee includes Renee Gonzales, interim director of Research and Scholarly Activity; Dr. Art Hernandez, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Eve Layman, associate professor, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Jody Nelsen, executive vice president for Finance and Administration; Dr. Robert Vokurka, professor, College of Business; Dr. Robert Wooster, professor, College of Liberal Arts; and Dr. Paul Zimba, director of the Center for Coastal Studies.

Candidate letters of application and curricula vitae are available at http://avpsearch.tamucc.edu/