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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board OKs Name Change For Science and Engineering at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the name change of the College of Science and Technology to the College of Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

In addition, the Board approved renaming the Department of Computing Sciences to the School of Engineering and Computing Sciences. Both items were approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents in March. The changes become effective August 1.

“This change recognizes the role that engineering plays at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and will make it apparent to prospective students, industry and the general public, said University President Flavius Killebrew. “We are grateful to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for their continued support as we seek to fulfill the needs of our students, community and businesses.”

In addition to the bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering approved in 2008, the college is also home to four other engineering programs accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). These include: geospatial surveying engineering, electrical engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, and computer science.

“The college’s name change and addition of the new school are important milestones in the growth of the university,” said Dr. Frank Pezold, the college’s dean. “This allows us to emphasize our engineering mission and meet our commitment to serving the educational needs of the Coastal Bend as well as our role as a catalyst for the attraction and development of new technologies in the local economy.”

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