

UB Engineering Dean Tarek Sobh designated as Distinguished Professor

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University of Bridgeport School of Engineering Dean Tarek Sobh has been designated Distinguished Professor of Engineering and Computer Science, the University announced today. He is the second member of the UB community to achieve this distinction.



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University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Spitzer said, “Through Dr. Sobh’s leadership, the University’s profile in the areas of research, engineering innovation, and scholarly production has undergone a major transformation that has been noted by the academic community and industry, as evidenced by faculty and student awards, research grants, scholarly publications and the quality of the University’s graduates.”

Professor Sobh first came to UB in 1995 as an Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering. That same year, he founded the University’s Robotics, Intelligent Sensing and Control Laboratory, which conducts research on mobile manipulation and PC-based software packages for controlling and monitoring of manipulators, automation and service robots. He continues to serve as the lab’s founding director.

From 1998-99, he served as Interim Chairman of the Department of Computer Sciences. In 1999 was named dean of the School of Engineering, and since 2006, has coordinated the research arm of the University as Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research.

Among his recent accomplishments, Professor Sobh is leading a team of UB professors developing next-generation projectiles for the U.S. Army. Their work is part of the Applied Nanotechnology Consortium, which last month was awarded \$2.4 million for its work.

Additionally, Professor Sobh has written and/or edited several books; published more than 180 refereed journal or conference papers; and has presented more than 75 keynote speeches, invited lectures, colloquia, and seminars at research meetings, companies, research centers, and university departments. He serves on the editorial board of 12 journals and has been chair or program chair for more than 135 international conferences and workshops.

He earned his Ph.D. in computer and information science and an M.S. in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.