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The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) elected Dr. Stephanie Adams, Dean of Engineering at Old Dominion University (ODU), President-Elect in March. Adams will serve a one-year term in that position beginning in June 2018 and then serve for one year as president.

Adams has served numerous institutions as an effective academic administrator, has been an ASEE member since 1996, and is an ASEE Fellow. She was previously elected to the ASEE Board of Directors as Professional Interest Council I Chair and served as the Vice President of Professional Interest Council Chairs from 2011 to 2012.

“My father introduced me to ASEE in the 1980s when I was in high school, so the Society has been an important part of my life for a long time,” says Adams. “As engineering education continues to grow as a discipline, and considerable thought is being put into how we recruit, retain, and develop the engineers of tomorrow, ASEE plays an important role as the fulcrum of the community. I’m honored to serve as President and continue leading the Society’s efforts.”

Prior to being appointed Dean at ODU in 2016, she served as a department chair at Virginia Tech beginning in 2011. Previously she served as associate dean for undergraduate studies in the school of engineering at Virginia Commonwealth University from 2008 to 2010. For ten years prior to that she was a faculty member and administrator in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also served two years as a program officer at the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Adams received a 2003 CAREER award from NSF to support her goal of designing, developing, and validating a model for the facilitation of effective teaming in the engineering classroom. Adams also received the 2008 ASEE DuPont Minorities in Engineering Award and the Janice A. Lumpkin Educator of the Year Award from the National Society of Black Engineers.

Adams is an honor graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, where she earned her BS in mechanical engineering. She received a master's degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia in 1991 and a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary engineering from Texas A&M University in 1998.

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