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# College of Engineering – Associate Dean ADMINISTRATIVE SEMINAR

## “Moving to the Next Level: Administrative Perspective”

Nur Yazdani, Ph.D., P.E.

Professor and Former Chairman of Civil Engineering  
University of Texas at Arlington

**Monday, February 2, 2015 – 2:45pm-4:00pm**  
**Love Library, Room 430 (4<sup>th</sup> floor)**

Dr. Nur Yazdani has significant experience in academic administration, especially because he served as the Chairman of the Civil Engineering (CE) Department at UT Arlington for close to seven years. The CE program at UT Arlington is the only one of its kind at a public university in the DFW and the north Texas region, offering ample employment opportunities. The College of Engineering at UT Arlington is one of the largest engineering colleges in Texas. Dr. Yazdani possess the desired blend of significant administrative experience, leadership, team building, fund raising, academic background, research expertise, knowledge of federal/state rules for grants and research, practical experience and service activities to move the College of Engineering at San Diego State University (SDSU) to the next level of excellence and innovation. In this seminar, Dr. Yazdani will present his significant administrative experience and achievements, and also his administrative vision to complement the SDSU College of Engineering mission of innovative education, research and dissemination of knowledge. Administrative philosophies for focused research in critical areas of interest and multi-disciplinary/multi university collaborations will be discussed.

**Speaker Bio:** Dr. Nur Yazdani is a Professor and Former Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Nur Yazdani received a B.S. degree from Bangladesh University of Engr. and Technology, an M.S. degree from the University of, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland. He is well known for his research on hazard mitigation of civil engineering infrastructure, concrete/timber bridge design and repair, engineering education. During his career, Dr. Yazdani has received numerous awards for his teaching and research abilities and has secured more than \$9.5 million from externally-funded research projects. Dr. Yazdani served on the editorial board of the ASCE Journal of Bridge Engineering, on the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) panels and on the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology. Dr. Yazdani is Director of the Disaster Mitigation Center at UT Arlington. He received the prestigious Florida 2005 Davis Productivity Award. A Fellow of ASCE, American Concrete Institute (ACI) and the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI), Dr. Yazdani is the author of more than 100 articles published in well-known journals, and an invited speaker at conferences on structural engineering and hazard mitigation. Dr. Yazdani has organized many technical sessions at national/international conferences. A leader in engineering education, he is an ABET Program Evaluator, and has chaired several committees dealing with graduate, curriculum and fundraising activities. Dr. Yazdani is also an active consultant to several government and private entities on infrastructure hazard related issues.

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