UTEP Hosts ASEE Gulf Southwest Annual Conference

The College of Engineering will host the American Society of Engineering Educators (ASEE) Gulf Southwest Annual Conference April 4 – 6. The conference will be held in the Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Union East on the campus of The University of Texas at El Paso.

"Bridging Theory and Practice in Engineering and Technology Education" is this year's theme. The conference will attract engineering professors, technology educators, industry professionals and students to learn and discuss contemporary methods and research following the conference theme. Over fifty research presentations will be delivered covering topics from classroom teaching to informal instruction to learning strategies outside the classroom.

ASEE, a nonprofit organization founded in 1893, holds regional conferences to bring together engineering educators, technologists, and industry practitioners to learn from best practices and develop collaborations. Members collaborate on ways to promote excellence in instruction, research, public service, and practice. The Society also provides an effective communication link between corporations, government agencies, and educational institutions to improve the engineering instruction and learning at all levels.

The conference will bring engineers, technology educators, students and professionals from industry together to discuss information on research and development achievements in technology and engineering education. Student and industry perspectives will be included during the sessions. Conferees will examine current practices for the inclusion of technologies in engineering classrooms, laboratories and informal environments.

Richard T. Schoephoerster, Ph.D., P.E., Dean of the College of Engineering at UTEP kicks off the conference with an opening welcome and will spark discussion with his remarks "Engineering Education for the Conceptual Age." Multi-track conference sessions will be held throughout the conference. UTEP President Diana Natalicio will address the audience with her lunchtime keynote address titled "UTEP: First National Research University in the U.S. with a 21st Century student demographic."

Distinguished presenters to the conference include Raymond B. Landis, Dean Emeritus of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology at California State University, Los Angeles and Michael Alley, Associate Professor of Communications Department at Pennsylvania State University.
In addition to the conference sessions, technical workshops will be provided by Dr. Louis Everett, Program Director of DUE-NSF; Dr. Norman Love, Research Assistant Professor in the department of Mechanical Engineering at UTEP; and Dr. Eric Freudenthal, Associate Professor of Computer Science at UTEP.

Registration continues onsite April 4 at 3-5:30 pm and April 5-6 at 7-8 am. Up to date information can be viewed at 2012 American Society for Engineering Education, Gulf Southwest Annual Conference.