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## CIRCULAR

Interested faculty members and students may register for the following webinar which is going to be held on Thu, Jun 4, 2015 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM IST.

**Virtual Academy: How to be an effective Department Head; By Srinivas Palanki**

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**Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5118692087023761153>**

### **Summary:**

The department head position is the first step in an academic administrative career and plays a crucial role in forming a bridge between faculty members and higher administration. Since department heads are expected to teach and do research like regular faculty members in addition to having administrative responsibilities, this role is considered the most challenging administrative role in the university hierarchy. This webinar draws on the speaker's experience as an administrator to provide an overview on how one can be an effective department head in the college of engineering.

### **About the Speaker:**

**Dr. Srinivas Palanki** has been the Head of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of South Alabama since 2007. Prior to joining South Alabama, he was a Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at Florida State University. He has been a visiting professor at Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (Switzerland), Ecole Nationale Supérieure Des Industries Chimiques (France) and National University of Singapore (Singapore). He obtained his Ph.D in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and his B.Tech in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi). His research focuses on the application of systems analysis tools to problems in engineering and biology. On Jul 1, 2015, Dr. Palanki will join Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas as the Dean of Engineering and Garrett Chair.