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Dan Litynski is Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) after serving once again as Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences for Academic Year 2008-2009 while a search for a new Dean was successfully completed. He previously completed three years serving with the National Science Foundation (NSF) as Program Director (Physics) and Acting Division Director for Undergraduate Education (DUE) through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). DUE is the NSF lead for excellence in the nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) undergraduate education. Recognition included a NSF Director's Award for Collaborative Integration for Leadership in the interagency Academic Competitiveness Council (ACC) as co-chair of the Post-Secondary Education Work Group.

From 1999 to 2004, he served as Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and President (interim) at WMU. He was then responsible for leadership of a dynamic organization offering a broad spectrum of undergraduate and graduate programs with a strong research commitment. WMU is a national Doctoral Research Extensive University with over 270 programs and almost 30,000 students during his initial service. The University is a source of educational and economic growth at the main campuses and at seven sites across Western Michigan. The Provost serves as chief operating officer responsible to the President for all academic matters. This period included many dynamic initiatives and included his service as Interim President. During his term as Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the college grew from approximately 2300 to 3200 students, several new programs were initiated and/or accredited, plans for a new 270 acre Parkview Campus for Engineering & Applied Sciences were done, construction neared completion (finished while Provost at approximately \$100 million), an included Business Technology & Research Park was implemented, and a strategic planning process was initiated and completed.

A native of Amsterdam New York, Dan graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor. He has been awarded a Master of Science Degree in Optics from the University of Rochester and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Physics from Rensselaer. His national service education includes completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces of the National Defense University.

Brigadier General (retired) Dan Litynski served with Armor and Ordnance units from platoon through battalion level in Vietnam and Germany. He also served with research and development organizations including The Armor and Engineer Test Board, the Ballistics Research Laboratory and the Harry Diamond Laboratory. Dan has served as a Research Officer, Assistant and Associate Professor, and Professor of Electrical Engineering at the United States Military Academy. He was appointed a Professor of the US Military Academy and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in 1990 which he reorganized and expanded. He served in numerous other capacities including Member of the Academic Board and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative.

Dan Litynski has been active in research and teaching in electrical engineering, optics, and physics for over twenty-five years. He has taught twenty different courses including two he initiated in Laser Physics and Photonics Engineering. He has been active in laser and electro-optic research and is the author or co-author of many international conference presentations, technical papers, book chapters, and a patent in these subjects and in educational pedagogy. He has served in numerous technical and advisory capacities including appointment as an adjunct Research Professor at Rensselaer and as a member of the International Faculty of Engineering Advisory Committee at the Technical University of Lodz, Poland where he served as their first Visiting Professor. The President of the Republic of Poland awarded him the Cavalier Cross of Merit for success in fostering Polish-American relations.

Professor Dan Litynski has been appointed to the honor societies of Eta Kappa Nu, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Pi Sigma, Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Upsilon Pi Epsilon. He is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Past President of the IEEE Education Society. He is a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), Optical Society of America (OSA) of the American Institute of Physics (AIP), American Association of Physics Teacher (AAPT), American Physical Society (APS), Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE), and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA). He received the ASEE Meritorious Service Award in recognition of academic leadership in advancing the ECE profession through scholarship and national service.

General Litynski's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster. He is authorized to wear two meritorious unit awards and several qualification badges. Dan and his wife, Dianne, have three children: Laura, James and John.

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