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Timothy J. Hinds has been selected as the new director of MSU Engineering’s Cornerstone & Residential Experience (CoRe), effective Jan. 1, 2018.

He replaces S. Patrick Walton, who is now the C. Robert and Kathryn M. Weir associate professor and associate chair for MSU’s Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

CoRe provides academic and co-curricular activities for first-year engineering students and is aimed at building the whole engineer, Hinds said.

“I am looking forward to guiding our team in their efforts to develop the next generation of engineering problem solvers,” he added.

Hinds has served as CoRe’s academic director since 2007. From 2002-2006, he was an academic specialist in the MSU Department of Mechanical Engineering and served as the associate director for the Case Center for Computer Aided Engineering and Manufacturing from 1996-2002. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University.

He is an award-winning educator. In 2007, he received the Michigan State University Distinguished Academic Staff Award. His other honors include the College of Engineering Withrow Student Services in 2014, and he shared the Michigan State University Service Learning and Civic Engagement Award in 2012.
Hinds is active in the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE)’s First Year Programs Division. He served as the program chair for the 2017 First Year Engineering Experience (FYEE) Conference, *Enhancing the First Year of Engineering Education*, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach in August, and was elected program chair for the 2018 FYEE Conference at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, next summer.

**CoRe at MSU**

Each year, CoRe immerses more than 1,400 freshmen in hands-on design projects and provides a living-learning environment in MSU’s South Neighborhood for more than 1,100 of those students. In addition to classes and labs, special seminars, advising and academic support are available within the residence halls. The co-curricular programming of CoRe is open to all engineering students. Learning from each other and through hands-on and co-curricular activities, students discover how to function in a collaborative, team-based, diverse setting.

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