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Biography

Randy Collins is a distinguished engineer who has long experience combining student work in the classroom and collaboration with industry. He is passionate about advancing student success, faculty scholarship and regional economic development. Collins came to WCU from Clemson University where he was a professor of electrical and computer engineering and the academic/technical adviser for the school's Dominion Energy Innovation Center. During his tenure at Clemson, Collins served as associate vice president and executive director at Clemson's Restoration Institute campus in Charleston, South Carolina where he established a new academic leadership structure, opened the Zucker Family Graduate Education Center, increased student recruitment, worked collaboratively with stakeholders to increase faculty/staff recruitment and expanded the campus research staff. He also previously served as associate dean in Clemson's College of Engineering and Science. Collins received his doctoral degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in electrical engineering. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from NC State University. Collins also is a registered professional engineer and has various Federal Aviation Administration certificates and licenses to teach and fly airplanes.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Electrical Engineering

Areas of Expertise

Aviation, Student Success, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Affiliations

Federal Aviation Administration

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology

Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

NC State University

B.A. Electrical Engineering

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