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Odessa College announces Tunstall to serve as new vice president

ODESSA (May 6, 2010) – Dr. Paul M. “Ken” Tunstall accepted the Odessa College vice president of instruction position. Tunstall’s official start date will be Wednesday, June 9. He replaces Dr. Clayton Alred, former vice president of instruction, who after more than 20 years at OC left in fall 2009 to fill the president’s position at the Ruidoso Community College Branch of Eastern New Mexico University.

Tunstall currently serves as the associate vice-chancellor for strategic partnerships at Texas State Technical College System in Waco, where he has been working to support legislative efforts and initiate strategic partnerships among TSTC, Texas community colleges, business and industry and other key public and private entities. Prior to taking his position at TSTC in 2008, Tunstall served as the president of Ranger College in Ranger, Texas, where he led major initiatives in the college’s five-county service area including a partnership with the city of Brownwood, Texas, partnering with TSTC, the regional hospital and the economic development board to add a new nursing program.

Tunstall’s more than 30 years experience in education includes positions as a mathematics professor, dean of educational support and vice-president of instruction at Howard College in Big Spring; founding president “Education That Works, Inc.,” a non-profit corporation that promotes and funds educational programs through corporate and private donations and local, state and federal grants; consultant and CEO of Cutting Edge Education LLC; director of workforce education in the Community and Technical Colleges Division of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and director of the Permian Basin Tech-Prep Consortium.

Tunstall received his doctorate in higher education administration from Texas Tech University in 1994, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees in mathematics education from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. in 1982 and 1976 respectively. He is married and has two daughters.

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