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                   **Dr. Robert Beatty Named Dean of the Lutgert College of Business**

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Toll announces the appointment of Dr. Robert Beatty as the new Dean of the Lutgert College of Business. Dr. Beatty, who currently serves as Dean and Professor at William G. Rohrer College of Business at Rowan University, will step into his new role on July 1, 2014.

     “Dr. Beatty was selected after a comprehensive national search and an exhaustive series of on-campus interviews involving all constituencies of the University,” said Dr. Toll.

     From 2010 to 2012 Dr. Beatty held the position of Dean and Professor at the School of Global Commerce and Management at Whitworth University. In addition, he has served on the faculty at Northern Illinois University, Texas Christian University, Miami University of Ohio, and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

      Dr. Beatty brings to FGCU his experience in the corporate world having worked for the Kellogg Company and the Amerada Hess Corporation. In addition, Dr. Beatty served in the United States Air Force for 23 years.  He spent 13 years as a Special Agent and Commander for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.  He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2005.

      Dr. Beatty earned his Doctor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from Mississippi State University. He also holds a Master of Computer Systems Management from Creighton University and a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from Texas Christian University.

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