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Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology names 12th president in college's 106-year history

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Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology named its 12th president in the college's 106-year history Tuesday when its trustees voted unanimously to appoint Anthony Benoit, the school's interim president and former academic dean, to the top job.

Benoit was appointed interim president after the college's former president George C. Chryssis died on May 31, officials said.

"During his term as interim president, Tony demonstrated he well understands our college, our challenges and our opportunities," trustee board chair Anne Bailey Berman said in a statement.

Officials from the campus in Boston's South End said that the school hired executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to search for a permanent replacement for Chryssis.

During its search, the firm wrote in a report that Benoit "was highly regarded as both an administrator and a highly competent technology professional."

The report cited Benoit's accomplishments since he joined the college as an academic dean in Aug. 2011, including redesigning curriculum to strengthen academic offerings and to develop new programs; fostering new and better industry partnerships; securing large amounts of grant funding and leading the college through a recent 10-year accreditation.

Benoit has 20 years of experience working in higher education, including working as the technology department director and professor of environmental technology at Three Rivers Community College in Connecticut and as a state-wide director of a federally-funded program at six colleges that aimed to improve workforce development in advanced manufacturing and related technologies, officials said.

He also has worked in private industry including spending 17 years running an environmental laboratory and consulting firm that helped businesses, individuals and water companies comply with public health-related rules.

Benoit earned a bachelor's degree in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University, a master's in psychology from Connecticut College and master's in environmental engineering from the University of Connecticut, officials said.

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