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Alden McCracken Appointed HKUST's First Director of OCGA

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology has appointed Mr Alden McCracken, an expert in administration for research and university business affairs, as the first Director of the Office of Contract and Grant Administration (OCGA). Mr Alden McCracken will serve as a bridge between researchers in HKUST and funding organisations, to prepare contracts and manage their implementation.

"One of the major missions of OCGA is to help HKUST researchers to meet the special needs of research contracts and grants sponsored by industrial, governmental, business and philanthropic organisations," says Mr McCracken, "and we will make the researchers' administrative work as less burdensome as possible."

Before joining HKUST, Mr McCracken was the Chief Financial Officer of the South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF). He was responsible for all fiscal, custodial, accounting and reporting aspects of contract administration.

Mr McCracken began his 24-year service at Clemson University as a senior accountant in 1967, and later became the Assistant Budget Director and Director of Grants and Contract Services. Afterwards he was promoted to Assistant Vice President for Budgets & Planning, and then to Associate Vice President overseeing the university's sponsored programmes as well as budgets and planning.

Mr McCracken graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in business administration. He is currently a member of Technology Transfer Council and the Society of Research Administrators in the United States.

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