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UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS NAMES NEW BUSINESS DEAN

HOUSTON (July 10, 2006) – University of St. Thomas President Robert R. Ivany announces the appointment of Dr. Bahman Mirshab as dean of the Cameron School of Business. On Aug. 1 Dr. Mirshab joins the University of St. Thomas after serving as dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Detroit-Mercy since 2002. Dr. Mirshab earned a B.A. in economics from Tehran University in Iran, an M.A. in economics from the University of Detroit and a Ph.D. in economics from Wayne State University. "The University's vision is to become one of the great Catholic universities in America within the next 25 years," said UST President Robert Ivany. "I am confident that Dr. Mirshab will play a leading role in our effort to expand our programs with the Houston corporate community."

During his tenure as dean of UDM, Dr. Mirshab initiated an executive MBA program, with innovative, collaborative MBA programs established with Marian Catholic College in Kerala, India, and Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan. He also helped develop a unique MBA concentration in Business Turnaround Management. Before serving as dean, Dr. Mirshab served as associate dean of graduate business programs and academic affairs since 1999. Dr. Mirshab has served for 27 years at UDM, a Jesuit Catholic institution ranked in the top tier of Midwestern master's universities. "We look forward with great anticipation to the arrival of Dr. Mirchab, who brings a wealth of experience in corporate community outreach," said UST alumnus Thomas Blackburn III, who served as chair of the search committee. Black is president of Thomas Instrument.

A native of Iran, Dr. Mirshab became a U.S. citizen in 1973. Dr. Mirshab currently serves as the regional program director and vice president of the Mid-Continent East region (177 member institutions) for the American Association of Colleges & Schools of Business.

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Dr. Mirshab replaces Dr. Javed Ashraf who has been named the Hugh Roy and Lillie Cullen Chair of Economics in the Cameron School of Business. During tenure, Dr. Ashraf introduced a Saturday MBA option and an innovative partnership with Methodist Hospital leading to an MBA with a healthcare concentration.

The Cameron School of Business offers master's programs in business administration, accounting, international business and information systems.

The University of St. Thomas, dedicated to educating leaders of faith and character, is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.

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