

新西兰学者胡伯将任 新大经济学院院长

另一方面，新大宣布委任新西兰籍学者莱斯·胡伯（Bryce Hool）教授为候任经济学院院长。他将从代院长潘淑莹教授手中接过领导棒子，五年任期从明年1月开始。

新大经济学院首任院长马莉阿诺（Roberto S Mariano）教授已在2010年中卸任。该校两个月后开始物色适合掌管经济学院的人选，从北美、欧洲和亚洲等地的学府中筛选180多名学者。到了今年4月最后一轮遴选，拥有40多年执教与领导经验的胡伯在五名候选人中脱颖而出。

胡伯（64岁）的研究专长是天然资源。他目前专注于探讨有限能源的抽取，以及如何为这样的抽取过程制定最理想的报酬。他曾受聘于纽约州立大学石溪分校（Stony Brook），来新之前在新西兰奥克兰大学担任经济系教授。

对于出掌新大经济学院，胡伯认为接下来先要关注如何加强和深化教员队伍的整体实力。

他说：“目前，学院有不少教员专攻统计学和经济计量学。我觉得我们还缺少工业经济学、医疗经济学等不同方面的专长。我希望经济学院日后有更多元的专家。”

虽然胡伯未正式上任，过去几个月他已经和学院其他同事合作，参与制定新金融经济硕士课程的内容。

德梅耶指出，新大的校龄虽然才短短11年多，但一路稳健发展，经济学院的表现尤为突出。在最新的荷兰堤堡大学世界百大经济学院研究排名中，新大在经济计量学领域排名第五，也是排名最佳的亚洲学府。他有信心，胡伯将不负重托，协助经济学院更上一层楼。

新大今年的结业生当中，75%在毕业前有机会到国外浸濡或实习，新大希望未来所有学生都能有这样的体验。

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New Zealand academic Bryce Hool will helm SMU School of Economics

Singapore Management University (SMU) also announced the appointment of Professor Bryce Hool, an academic from New Zealand, as the Dean-designate of its School of Economics (SoE). He will take over from Interim Dean, Professor Phang Sock Yong. The 5-year term will start in January next year.

The Founding Dean of SMU SoE, Professor Roberto S Mariano relinquished his position in 2010. The University began to look for a suitable candidate to helm the School of Economics two months thereafter and have selected from a pool of more than 180 candidates from universities across North America, Europe and Asia. In the final selection round in April this year, Professor Hool, who has over 40 years of experience in teaching and in leadership roles, was selected from the last five candidates.

Professor Hool (64 years of age) has his primary research interest in natural resources. His current research focuses on the extraction of exhaustible resources and optimal payment schemes for extraction contracts. He was with the State University of New York at Stony Brook and currently holds the appointment as Economics Professor at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Speaking about future plans for SMU SoE, Professor Hool felt that the most important issue facing him was how to deepen and broaden the overall strengths of the faculty.

He said, "Currently, there are many faculty members specialising in Statistics and Econometrics. I feel that the School is not represented in the fields of Industrial and Health Economics and hope that we would be able to attract experts from more diverse fields. I would like to see a more balanced portfolio in that regard."

Although Professor Hool is not officially on board yet, for the past few months, he has been discussing with his colleagues and working on the new Financial Economics Master Programme curriculum.

President De Meyer mentioned out that although SMU is only 11 years old, it has improved steadily over the years. SoE's performance is especially outstanding. In the most recent edition of Tilburg University's Top 100 Worldwide Economics Schools research ranking, SMU School of Economics ranks 5th in the world and 1st in Asia, in the field of Econometrics. He is confident that Professor Hool can shoulder the responsibilities well and help SoE move up to the next league.

Among SMU students graduating this year, 75% of them went abroad for exchange or internship. SMU's aim is for all its students to go abroad for overseas experience in the future.