

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,
with tenure

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

Approved by the Regents
February 14, 2008

ACTION REQUESTED: Faculty Appointment Approval
NAME: Peter Xue-Kun Song
TITLE: Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health
TENURE STATUS: With Tenure
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008
APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of Biostatistics, and with the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Peter Xue-Kun Song as professor of biostatistics, with tenure, effective January 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees

Professor Song received his master's degree in statistics in 1987 from Southwest Jiaotong University, China and his Ph.D. in Statistics in 1996 from the University of British Columbia.

Professional Record

Professor Song was appointed as assistant professor of statistics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at York University in 1996. He was promoted to associate professor of statistics in 2002. In 2004, he became associate professor of statistics in the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science at the University of Waterloo and was promoted to professor in 2007.

Summary of Evaluation

Professor Song has been a prolific researcher in statistics, particularly in recent years, with 18 papers in refereed journals since 2002, six additional papers submitted, and a book on correlated data analysis published by Springer in the summer of 2007. His research displays excellent versatility, ranging from early work on mainline statistics topics such as generalized linear models, estimating equations, longitudinal data analysis and time series analysis, and more recent work on bioinformatics, statistical genetics, and statistical computing. Song leads a research project of the National Program on Complex Data Structures on longitudinal data analysis. His funding record has been excellent for a researcher working in the Canadian system, where faculty cannot use research funding to buy out teaching. He has received NSERC research support continuously since 1997.

Most of Professor Song's research work is motivated from medicine/health-related real data analysis projects, he has been active as a consultant on applied projects, and he displays the interest and skills to be a strong contributor to collaborative research at Michigan.

Professor Song is an excellent teacher. He won the Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching at York University in 2002, having been previously nominated in 1999. He received excellent teaching evaluations as a visitor to Michigan in 2002. He has displayed strong versatility as a teacher, having taught a wide array of statistics courses at the graduate and undergraduate level at York. Since joining Waterloo, he has developed three new courses on Nonparametric Regression Analysis, Longitudinal Data Analysis and Statistical Genetics. He plans to develop a new course at Michigan on the topic of statistical methods in bioinformatics and proteomics, which would be an excellent addition to the offerings in biostatistics. Song has also been a strong mentor of graduate students, having graduated four Ph.D. students (plus two in progress, one as co-advisor) and nine Master's students.

Excerpts from External Review

Reviewer A: "He has become a leader in Canada in research, and has clearly demonstrated considerable ability to work in collaboration with other researchers and to supervise graduate students. ... It is clear from his *vitae* that his research pace is remarkable, and speeding up ... I would expect him to continue to produce outstanding research at the University of Michigan ... I would be very pleased to be in a position to hire him at [my institution]."

Reviewer B: "I think the University of Michigan would be quite fortunate to recruit Dr. Song given that he has documented excellence in research, grant funding, and teaching/mentoring. I think he easily satisfied the criteria for appointment as tenured Professor at my institution."

Reviewer C: "In conclusion, Dr. Song is a very productive researcher who works on diverse areas of problems. He has a strong reputation in the research area of longitudinal data analysis. If he had applied for a tenured position to my department, I am very positive that we would have granted that."

Reviewer D: "His recent publication record clearly indicates that his research activities are accelerating as well as expanding in scope ... If he were in my home department..., I am sure he would have no problem for tenure."

Reviewer E: "I believe that Dr. Song is a solid, effective researcher who will continue to produce valid and useful solutions to statistical problems ... I believe his scholarly contributions would meet the requirements for appointment as Professor here at [my institution]."

Reviewer F: "I think you have an extremely strong and deserving candidate. I recommend his appointment with the highest enthusiasm and without reservation."

Publications

Song, P.X.-K., Gao, X., Liu, R. and Le, W. (2006). Nonparametric inference for local extrema with application to oligonucleotide microarray data in yeast genome. *Biometrics* **62**, 545-554.

Song, P.X.-K., Fan, Y. and Kalbfleisch, J. D. (2005). Maximization by parts in likelihood inference. *Journal of American Statistical Association* (with Discussion) **100**, 1145-1158.

Song, P.X.-K. and Feng, D. (2005). On parameter estimation for exponential dispersion ARMA models. *Journal of Time Series Analysis* **26**, 843-862.

Qu, A. and **Song, P.X.-K.** (2004). Assessing robustness of generalized estimating equations and quadratic inference functions. *Biometrika* **91**, 447-459.

Song, P.X.-K. (2000). Multivariate dispersion models generated from Gaussian copula. *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics* **27**, 305-320.

Song, P.X.-K. and Tan, M. (2000). Marginal models for longitudinal continuous proportional data. *Biometrics* **56**, 496-502.


Song, P.X.-K. (2000). Monte Carlo Kalman filter and smoothing for multivariate discrete state space models. *The Canadian Journal of Statistics* **28**, 641-652.

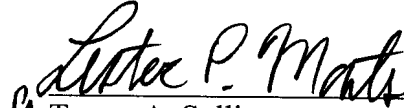

Summary of Recommendation

Professor Song is a senior individual who has contributed to the profession and application of statistics in important ways. He will bring many strengths to the Department of Biostatistics and will play a valuable role in teaching, research and service. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Peter Xue-Kun Song as professor of biostatistics, with tenure, effective January 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:


Kenneth E. Warner
Dean, School of Public Health

 
for Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

February 2008

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Kon-Well Wang

TITLES: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Stephen P. Timoshenko Collegiate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kon-Well Wang as chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, effective June 1, 2008 and Stephen P. Timoshenko Collegiate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective June 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Kon-Well Wang received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the National Taiwan University in 1976. He then enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley where he received his M.S. and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1982 and 1985, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following three years as a senior research engineer at the General Motors Research Laboratories in Michigan, in 1988 Professor Wang joined the faculty at Pennsylvania State University as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1993, and to professor in 2000. At the time of his promotion to professor, he was also named the William E. Diefenderfer Chaired Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Wang's achievements are significant in research, teaching and service. His research centers on developing better understanding of the dynamic characteristics of mechanical structures, and creating novel analysis, design, and control methodologies for achieving better system performance (e.g., low vibration, high stability, high precision, etc.). His specific research interests lie in structural dynamics, vibrations, and adaptive structure systems where he has made significant contributions. In 1993, Professor Wang founded the Structural Dynamics and Controls Laboratory of Pennsylvania State University, a major research unit with multi-million dollar grants supported by various government agencies and private companies.

Professor Wang has published approximately 200 technical articles and is the holder of several patents in these areas. He is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and has received many awards and recognitions for his research achievements, including the recent ASME 2007 N. O. Myklestad Award for major innovative contributions to vibration engineering. He is the chief editor for the *ASME Journal of Vibration and Acoustics* and an associate editor for the *Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures*. Professor Wang has been invited to give keynote and special lectures at various international conferences and institutions in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Professor Wang has taught at both the graduate and undergraduate level and has received recognition for his teaching performance via the Pennsylvania State Engineering Society Outstanding Teacher Award.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: "...Professor Wang's international stature and multicultural experience should mean well for cementing the ties that the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan has with the School of Mechanical Engineering at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and other schools and establishing new partnerships in Europe and Asia."

Reviewer B: "In my ten years at [my institution] we produced three departmental strategic plans. We all looked to Dr. Wang for vision and advice, and I would contend that his "voice" is one of the most prominent in those plans. This was born of the respect that his faculty colleagues and I held for him, even as one of the department's [newest ranked] full professors. A major factor in the award of the Diefenderfer Chair ... was the belief – since realized – that Dr. Wang would use the endowment to help *many* faculty members in the department, not just himself."

Reviewer C: "...Kon-Well is a distinguished scholar, an accomplished teacher and graduate advisor, an excellent team player ... , a very diligent and methodical person, and a very outgoing and friendly person. Based on his past experience ... he will foster multidisciplinary research activities in his Department. He appears to be a very passionate person who upholds the principles of equity."

Reviewer D: "...I have followed his research very closely over the years since it aligns so well with mine. He is truly outstanding in every area. ... He has a terrific mix of characteristics, including the ability to be a gentle but persuasive motivator, the vision to understand what it takes for a faculty and department to excel, the creativity and work ethic to put that vision into practice, and finally the experience to serve as a role model who has excelled himself in all facets of university life."

Reviewer E: "Kon-Well has been exceptionally successful in every endeavor of which I have knowledge. As a researcher, his work was uniformly at a high level, with many fundamental contributions."

Reviewer F: "He is very highly regarded in the technical community as a leader and visionary. ... He has the people skills and vision to lead a department.... He will encourage open dialog, yet at the same time have the strength and conviction to make tough decisions. He is creative and imaginative in decision-making and in problem resolution. I have no doubt that he will foster large-scale collaborations among various faculty, across various departments and among various universities."

Reviewer G: “Kon-Well is an exceptionally talented engineer and one of the most fair-minded people I know. His work ethic is phenomenal; he manages a wide-ranging research portfolio, carries a significant administrative load at [his current institution], is very active for a number of professional groups, and performs award-winning teaching. Kon-Well’s integrity and leadership manner are unsurpassed.”

Reviewer H: “Professor Wang is by all measures a distinguished contributor in vibration engineering. He is an eminent scholar and a world-renowned expert in dynamics and vibration control of adaptive material-structural systems.”

Reviewer I: “The record attests that he is a creative independent researcher and at the same time is an excellent team player. He is an exciting modern mechanical engineer, and is ideally suited as Chair of the mechanical engineering department of the 21st century.”

Reviewer J: “His extraordinary success in developing funded projects not only reflects his vision in research, but also has nurtured a platform for training future engineers. ... In those endeavors, Dr. Wang has exhibited his unique ability to encourage communication among all team members, to handle disputes skillfully, to resolve problems effectively, and to move [the] agenda forward on a timely basis. Dr. Wang’s professional leadership naturally comes from his down-to-earth manner, enthusiasm and personal charm.”

PUBLICATIONS

H.A. DeSmidt, K.W. Wang, and H. Fang, “Optimized Gore/Seam Cable Actuated Shape Control of Inflated Precision Gossamer Membrane Reflectors,” *AIAA Journal of Spacecraft and Rockets*, 44(5), pp. 1122-1130, 2007.

T.Y. Wu, and K.W. Wang, “Periodic Isolator Design via Vibration Confinement through Eigenvector Assignment and Piezoelectric Circuitry,” *Journal of Vibration and Control*, 13(7), pp. 989-1006, 2007.

M. Philen, Y. Shan, P. Prakash, K.W. Wang, C.D. Rahn, A.L. Zydney, and C.E. Bakis, “Fibrillar Network Adaptive Structure with Ion Transport Actuation,” *Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures*, 18, pp. 323-334, 2007.

Y. Shan, M. Philen, C.E. Bakis, K.W. Wang, and C.D. Rahn, “Nonlinear-Elastic Finite Axisymmetric Deformation of Flexible Matrix Composite Membranes under Internal Pressure and Axial Force,” *Composites Science and Technology*, 66, pp. 3053-3063, 2006.

M. Cao, K.W. Wang, L. DeVries, Y. Fujii, W.E. Tobler, and G. Pietron, “Experimental Characterization and Grey-box Modeling of Spool-type Automotive VFS Valves with Circular Flow Ports and Notches,” *ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control*, 128, pp. 636-654, 2006.

H. Yu, K.W. Wang, and J. Zhang, “Piezoelectric Networking with Enhanced Electromechanical Coupling for Vibration Delocalization of Mistuned Periodic Structures – Theory and Experiment,” *Journal of Sound and Vibration*, 295(1-2), pp. 246-265, 2006.

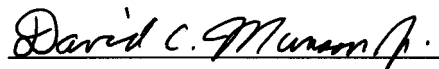
L. Jiang, J. Tang, and K.W. Wang, "An Enhanced Frequency-Shift Based Damage Identification Method Using Tunable Piezoelectric Transducer Circuitry," *Journal of Smart Materials and Structures*, 115, pp. 799-808, 2006.

A. Liu, J.H. Huang, K.W. Wang, and C.E. Bakis, "Effects of Interfacial Friction on the Damping Characteristics of Composites Containing Randomly Oriented Carbon Nanotube Ropes," *Journal of Intelligent Material Systems and Structures*, 17, pp. 217-229, 2006.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

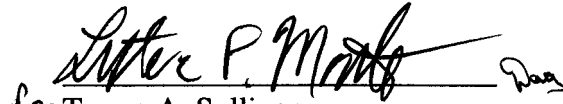
Kon-Well Wang has a proven record as an excellent leader and scholar in the field of vibration dynamics. He is broadly recognized not only as a technical leader, but also as a visionary leader with the ability to foster a strong positive and collaborative climate. We are presented with an excellent opportunity to hire a superb researcher, outstanding educator and strong leader in a critical area of relevance to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kon-Well Wang as chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, effective June 1, 2008 and Stephen P. Timoshenko Collegiate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective June 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:



David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



for Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

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without tenure

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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Approved by the Regents
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Paul M. Gordon, Ph.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of Edward A. Hurvitz, M.D., the James W. Rae Collegiate Professor and Chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul M. Gordon, Ph.D., as Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, without tenure, effective July 21, 2008.

Dr. Gordon received the M.P.H. degree in epidemiology and the Ph.D. degree in exercise physiology, both from the University of Pittsburgh, in 1991 and 1992, respectively. From 1992-1994, he was an Assistant Professor of Human Performance at Mankato State University. In 1994, he was appointed as Assistant Professor of Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Eastern Michigan University and promoted to Associate Professor at that institution in 1996. That same year, Dr. Gordon joined the faculty at West Virginia University as Assistant Professor of Human Performance and Exercise Science. In 2001, he was promoted to his current rank of Associate Professor, with tenure, at that institution.

Dr. Gordon's research is focused on the public health implications of physical activity. His bibliography reflects 30 peer-reviewed publications, several invited chapters, and two multi-authored textbooks. Several of his recent scholarly contributions are the result of multiple funded investigations on which Dr. Gordon is the first or senior author, further demonstrating his leadership in his area of research. His work has been supported by grants from the Centers for Disease Control, state agencies, and institutional funding. He has been invited to present his studies at numerous professional meetings and sports and training conferences. Dr. Gordon's expertise is further recognized through his participation on NIH study sections and special emphasis panels. He is manuscript reviewer for several specialty journals and provides similar service as a grant reviewer for the NIH and the Centers for Disease Control.

Recent and Significant Publications

Seip RL, Otvos J, Bilbie C, Tsongalis GJ, Miles M, Zoeller RF, Visich PS, Gordon PM, Angelopoulos TJ, Pescatello LS, Moyna NM, Thompson PD: The effect of apolipoprotein E genotype on serum lipoprotein particle response to exercise. *Atherosclerosis* 188(1):126-133, 2006.

Pistilli ES, Gordish-Dressman H, Seip RL, Devaney J, Thompson P, Price T, Angelopoulos T, Clarkson PM, Moyna N, Pescatello LS, Visich PS, Zoeller RF, Hoffman E, Gordon PM: Resistin polymorphisms are associated with muscle, bone and fat phenotypes in white men and women. *Obesity* 15(2):392-402, 2007.

Pescatello LS, Kelsey BM, Price TB, Seip RL, Angelopoulos TJ, Clarkson PM, Gordon PM, Moyna NM, Visich PS, Zoeller R, Gordish-Dressman HA, Bilbie SM, Thompson PD, Hoffman EP: The muscle strength and size response to upper arm, unilateral resistance training among adults who are overweight and obese. *J Strength Cond Res* 21(2):307-313, 2007.

Uthurralt J, Gordish-Dressman H, Bradbury M, Tesi-Rocha C, Devaney J, Harmon B, Reeves EK, Brandoli C, Hansen BC, Seip RL, Thompson PD, Price TB, Angelopoulos TJ, Clarkson PM, Moyna NM, Pescatello LS, Visich PS, Zoeller RF, Gordon PM, Hoffman EP: PPAR alpha L1621V underlies variation in serum triglycerides and subcutaneous fat volume in young males. *BMC Med Genetics* 8(1):55-64, 2007.

Dr. Gordon has extensive teaching experience at all educational levels and has received several citations for his teaching excellence. At his current institution, he has assisted in the development of a new Ph.D. curriculum in public health sciences and the biomedical sciences, as well as in the planning of undergraduate and graduate program improvements in exercise physiology. He also has served on masters and doctoral level committees. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Gordon will provide leadership in education in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation regarding fitness, physical activity, exercise and obesity. It is planned that he will lecture and mentor medical students, residents, and departmental fellows. It is expected that Dr. Gordon will be recommended for a faculty position in the Division of Kinesiology, where his teaching interactions will include the mentorship of undergraduate, pre- and postdoctoral students. This joint appointment will provide Dr. Gordon with additional opportunities to contribute to the educational mission at this institution.

External Review: Brief excerpts from external reviewers are provided below:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Gordon has a unique set of professional skills. He is trained in exercise physiology which gives him basic and clinical laboratory skills and is trained in epidemiology which provides him with an ecological perspective about health in populations. Hence, his training allows him to relate to science across the spectrum from the lab bench to the park bench."

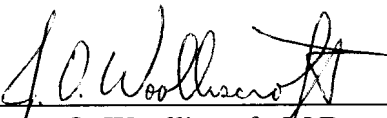
Reviewer B: "His academic credentials are first-rate. Most of his undergraduate and graduate educational preparation was obtained at the University of Pittsburgh and he later worked at Eastern Michigan University, Mankato State University and more recently at the University of West Virginia. This experience has provided a balance exposure to institutions with broad educational values and can only help Dr. Gordon's understanding of the importance of research, teaching and service in higher education."

Reviewer C: "Dr. Gordon clearly has led research to increase understanding of environmental influences on physical activity, the quality and quantity of physical activity needed to lose weight, and the effect of physical activity on lipid parameters. Additionally, he has been a team member on research projects elucidating the role of genetic influences on individual responses to physical activity. I consider these contributions significant because physical activity is such an important determinant of good health."

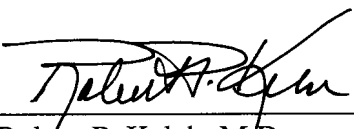
Reviewer D: "Dr. Gordon has amassed an impressive record of publication and grantsmanship. His work demonstrates his ability to perform as part of a research team, contribute significantly, and help to shepherd manuscripts through to publication. . . . He has procured NIH funding and has leveraged funds as a PI from several other sources. I see evidence of a successful grant writer."


At the University of Michigan, Dr. Gordon will direct the Human Performance Laboratory in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He will provide valuable educational and research expertise in the role of the environment in physical activity. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Paul M. Gordon, Ph.D., as Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, without tenure. The University of Michigan will provide Dr. Gordon with substantial opportunities to expand his research program and to develop collaborative projects with departmental colleagues. Therefore, a tenure recommendation will be considered after his effectiveness has been assessed.

Recommended by


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by


Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for
Medical Affairs


for Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs ^{Day}

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Establishing and renaming professorships and selected
academic administrative positions.

February 14, 2008

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship
NAME: Collegiate Professorship in Pathology Research
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

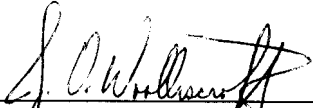
On the recommendation of Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. Weller Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Collegiate Professorship in Pathology, effective February 1, 2008.

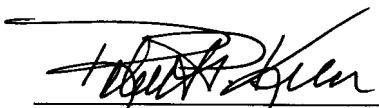
This collegiate professorship is made possible through endowment funding in the Department of Pathology and intended to support the educational and research activities of a senior member of the Pathology faculty. The initial appointment period for the recipient of this professorship will be five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

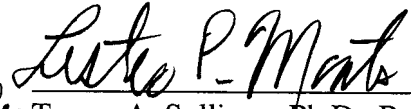

This collegiate professorship will foster innovative research and support a talented investigator in the Department of Pathology, as well as reinforce our commitment to the Medical School's research mission. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Collegiate Professorship in Pathology Research.

Recommended by

Recommendation endorsed by


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School


Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for
Medical Affairs


for Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs 

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: W. K. Kellogg Professorship in Community Information
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

The School of Information is pleased to recommend the establishment of the W. K. Kellogg Professorship in Community Information, effective September 1, 2008.

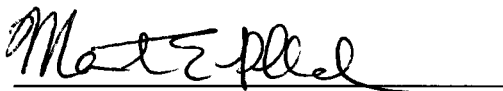
The School of Information has been the recipient of a generous gift of \$2,000,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to establish the W. K. Kellogg Professor of Community Information. This gift shall be designated solely for the continuation of providing extraordinary leadership for educating information professionals to serve society in the new age of digital information and community technology.

Appointments to the W. K. Kellogg Professor of Community Information will be made by the Dean of the School of Information, upon the recommendations and approval by the School of Information governing faculty. The faculty agree that the person selected to this prestigious and landmark position needs to be someone with great vision, knowledge, energy and creativity, and capable of building a robust educational, research, and service program for our students, and one that will attract additional partners and supporters.

In recognition of this significant gift from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the W. K. Kellogg Professorship in Community Information, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



Martha E. Pollack, Dean
School of Information



for Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost, and Executive Vice President
For Academic Affairs

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: John F. Nickoll Professorship in Law
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

The Law School respectfully requests to establish a new professorship for John F. Nickoll, a 1960 alumnus of the School. John F. Nickoll made a gift of \$1.5 million to endow the new chair, which is being matched with \$500,000 under the terms of President Coleman's Donor Challenge Fund.


John F. Nickoll is one of the Law School's most engaged alumni with respect to his generosity of time and resources. As a member of the campaign steering committee for the School's current Building On campaign, he understands the critical importance of being able to recruit and retain first-rate faculty. When President Coleman announced her Donor Challenge to spur the creation of new endowed chairs as part of the Michigan Difference campaign, Mr. Nickoll was one of the first alumni University-wide to respond.

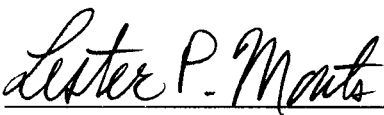
Mr. Nickoll, a member of the Wisconsin bar, started a career in business upon graduation from law school. He became co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of the Foothill Group, a specialized financial services company later acquired by Wells Fargo & Company. Upon Mr. Nickoll's retirement in 2006, Wells Fargo Foothill was the nation's largest bank-owned asset-based lender.

In recognition of this significant gift from John F. Nickoll, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the John F. Nickoll Professorship in Law, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:


Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School


for Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2008

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: Frances and George Skestos Professorship in Law
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

The Law School respectfully requests to name a new professorship for Frances and George Skestos, parents of George A. Skestos, the donor of the gift creating the new professorship. George A. Skestos has made a gift of \$1.5 million, which is being matched by a \$500,000 gift from President Coleman's Donor Challenge Fund.

George A. Skestos is a three-time alumnus of the University of Michigan, having earned a B.A. in history in 1948 from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; an M.B.A. in 1952; and a J.D. in 1952. He is founder, past president, and chief executive of Homewood Corporation, a home building company based in Columbus, Ohio.

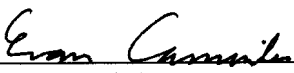
Mr. Skestos is among the special group of Wolverines who have affectionate ties with both the University of Michigan and Ohio State University. He recalls that some of his happiest days were spent at the University of Michigan.

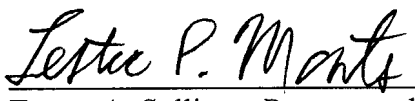

The professorship honors the memory of Mr. Skestos' parents, who made it possible for him to attend Michigan. It is the donor's preference that the professorship be held by a teacher or scholar of contract or commercial law.

In recognition of this significant gift from George A. Skestos, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Frances and George Skestos Professorship in Law, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:


Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School


for Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs 

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: Michael Stark Professorship in Finance
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2008

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Michael Stark Professorship in Finance, effective March 1, 2008.


The Ross School has been the recipient of a generous gift of \$1,500,000 from Michael and Shauna Stark to establish the Michael Stark Professorship in Finance. The professorship will be used to attract an outstanding candidate to the University of Michigan.

Appointments to the Michael Stark Professorship in Finance will be made by the Dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business upon the recommendation and approval of the Ross School's Executive Committee. The incumbent will have experience in or has researched venture capital investing. The Stark Professor will be dedicated to research in the area of valuation of high growth companies. Appointments will be made for a five year renewable term.

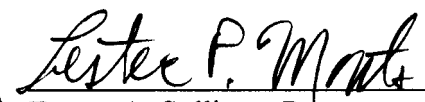
In recognition of this significant gift from Michael and Shauna Stark, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Michael Stark Professorship in Finance, effective March 1, 2008.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



Robert J. Dolan
Dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business



for Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
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ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Eric Stein Collegiate Professorship in Law

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

The Law School respectfully requests to name a new collegiate professorship for Eric Stein, the Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law Emeritus, whose teaching and research career spans seven decades. This professorship is being funded by private donations from alumni who were mentored by and/or otherwise appreciated Professor Stein's contributions to legal education.

Professor Stein is a towering figure in the field of international law, specifically European integration law. He holds Doctor of Law degrees from the University of Michigan and Charles University, Prague, and Honorary Doctor of Law degrees from both Free Universities of Brussels and from the West-Bohemian University in Pilsen, Czech Republic.

Professor Stein escaped Nazi-controlled Czechoslovakia in 1939 and came to study at the University of Michigan Law School, from which he graduated in 1942. He later joined the School's faculty after service in the U.S. Army and nine years with the Department of State Bureau of International Organizations.

As a scholar, Professor Stein pioneered the study of European integration by teaching and writing on the subject even before the Treaty of Rome, establishing the European Community, was signed. Moreover, he brought European and American students and scholars together by focusing specifically on comparative legal studies. In addition to his work on Europe, he has written on the United Nations and on the ethnic and political tensions that led to the breakup of Czechoslovakia. His scholarship in all areas has been consistently marked by great craftsmanship, care, and a deeply humane spirit.

But as highly as Professor Stein is esteemed for his scholarship, he is equally well known as a warm and generous teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend. Over the many years of his teaching career, numerous scholars came from Europe to Ann Arbor to study with him, many returning home to assume positions of prominence in European institutions, private law practice, and academia. Countless alumni, faculty, and friends cherish memories of Professor Stein and his wife, Ginny, who for years have nurtured relationships in the Michigan Law community as well as the international scholarly and legal communities.


Professor Stein has served the United States Government and the United Nations in several capacities. He has taught and lectured widely in the United States, Europe and Asia. He is the

author of numerous books and articles on international law, European Union law, and comparative law.

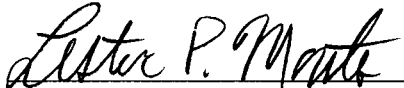
A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial term of appointment will be for five years with the possibility of renewal.


RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School



for Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs 

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: Rufus S. Teesdale Professorship in Engineering
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the establishment of the Rufus S. Teesdale Professorship in Engineering effective February 1, 2008.

Rufus S. Teesdale's trust provided a gift in excess of \$2.6M to establish and support an endowed professorship to be known as the Rufus S. Teesdale Professor of Engineering. The holder will be a professor in the College of Engineering who will be appointed to the professorship for five-year, renewable terms.


Rufus Teesdale graduated from the University of Michigan in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He earned his master of science in engineering in 1968. Mr. Teesdale was the founder of X-Rite, Incorporated, a manufacturer of color measuring instruments. Ranked among the top small companies in the world, the firm's products have been used with hospital X-ray equipment, for matching paints for the auto industry, and measuring color control in the food industry. While guiding X-Rite, he also worked in the field of furniture manufacturing, helping Sears & Roebuck to reduce their outsourcing sites from 80 to four, before retiring in 1980. He continued to serve on the company's board of directors until 2003.

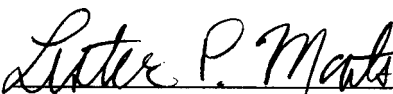
In 1987 he helped the University of Michigan use X-Rite's color matching technology to establish formal standards for its original maize and blue, which were different shades than are commonly seen today. Mr. Teesdale died on December 14, 2007.

The College of Engineering is grateful to Rufus Teesdale for his generosity and support. In recognition of this significant gift, we request that the Regents formally establish the Rufus S. Teesdale Professorship in Engineering effective February 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:


David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering


for Teresa A. Sullivan,
Provost and Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship
PROPOSED NAME: John L. Tishman Professorship in Engineering
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the establishment of the Tishman Professorship in Engineering effective February 1, 2008.

The John and Daniel Tishman Fund has provided a gift of \$1,500,000, which is being matched by a \$500,000 gift from President Coleman's Donor Challenge Fund, to establish and support an endowed professorship to be known as the John L. Tishman Professor of Engineering. The holder will be a professor in the College of Engineering who will be appointed to the professorship for five-year, renewable terms.

John L. Tishman is chairman and chief executive officer of Tishman Realty and Construction Company, Inc. in New York City.

Mr. Tishman graduated from the University of Michigan in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He later served as an officer in the United States Navy and was a teacher at the Walden School in New York City before beginning his career with the Tishman organization.

Since 1948, when Mr. Tishman joined the family firm, he has been the prime mover behind its commitment to, and commanding role in, the advancement of modern building technology and techniques. Tishman Research-the only such operation within an American construction firm-was founded under his direction in 1959. Many products and techniques initiated by Tishman Research are now staples of the building trades, such as dry shaft-wall construction, which replaced concrete block as the preferred enclosure of elevator shafts and stairwells; new facade techniques, which reduced weight, lowered costs, and allowed use of ultra-thin stone veneers; a body-heat activated "smart lighting system"; and many energy-conserving and environmentally friendly building operating and design techniques.

Mr. Tishman is also recognized as an expert in the development and construction of complex, large-scale projects. He was personally responsible for such landmark Tishman commissions as the World Trade Center in New York, the John Hancock Center in Chicago, the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Walt Disney Company's EPCOT Center in Florida, and the renovation and restoration of Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Beyond Mr. Tishman's professional achievements, he has been a leader in humanitarian and educational endeavors, serving on the boards of Ronald McDonald House, New York

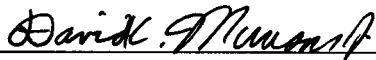
University Medical Center, Carnegie Hall, and the New School University, including its Mannes College of Music and Parsons School of Design.

Mr. Tishman is honorary co-chair of the College's 150th Anniversary Campaign, has funded the John L. Tishman Fellowship, and was a major donor to the Computer Science and Engineering Building.

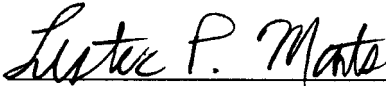
The College of Engineering is grateful to the John and Daniel Tishman Fund for their generosity and support. In recognition of this significant gift, we request that the Regents formally establish the John L. Tishman Professorship in Engineering effective February 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering



for Teresa A. Sullivan,
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship
NAME: James A. Cogswell, Jr.
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Art, with tenure, School of Art and Design
RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Art, with tenure, School of Art and Design
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Cogswell be designated a Thurnau Professor.

An exceptional artist, outstanding teacher, and valued colleague, Professor Cogswell is an inspiring collaborator who sweeps his students along on the exciting voyage that is the creative process. His success in the classroom stems from the dynamic wellspring of energy, interest, and empathy he brings to his interactions with students. His intellectual curiosity and drive for knowledge move students to take risks and discover their own artistic voices. His insightful critiques emphasize formal principles of art-making, yet celebrate each student's individual style. He is a "great teacher who provokes thought, encouraging journeys into the unknown." One faculty colleague writes: "He instinctively knows when to cajole, when to console, when to direct, when to demand, and when to just watch and listen." As a result, students report that they make paintings that far surpass their own expectations. As a devoted mentor, Professor Cogswell treats students as future artists and colleagues, encouraging them to work directly with him in his studio in order to learn the practicalities of a career in the visual arts. He is an exemplary model for innovation in curriculum development, having revamped existing courses and initiated, developed, and taught nearly a dozen new ones during his career. His tireless commitment to students and their teaching is summed up in the comments of one colleague who says, "I have observed him teaching in the classroom, in the hallways, in his office, in meetings, walking out to his car, probably in his sleep. He is always teaching."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,


for Teresa A. Sullivan

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Sherman A. Jackson

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Near Eastern Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Near Eastern Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Jackson be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A devoted and brilliant undergraduate teacher, Professor Jackson has been an inspiration in the lives of students through his classroom teaching and his advising. As a leading scholar of both Islam in America today and classical Islamic law and theology, he is extraordinarily well positioned to help students navigate the very sensitive geopolitical issues that have been with us since September 11, 2001. The courses that he has developed draw very diverse audiences, and he "successfully encourages students of minority racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds to talk candidly and directly about some very challenging concepts that are culturally foreign to most enrolled students." Professor Jackson routinely receives near-perfect evaluation scores in spite of the difficult subject matter and his demanding expectations. Students take the intellectual honesty that he models to heart. Says one, "I learned not to be afraid of challenging ideas that I am personally invested in." Colleagues admire the respect for both subject and students that inheres in Professor Jackson's fresh preparation of courses each year, as well as his talent for empowering students and showing them that they really can attain mastery. Increasingly in demand as a public speaker within the university and across the country, Professor Jackson continues to find time to mentor the considerable number of current and former students who seek his counsel regarding their careers and lives.

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,


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Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Robert E. Megginson

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean, and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Associate Dean, and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

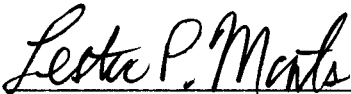
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Megginson be designated a Thurnau Professor.

As a faculty member in Mathematics and as an associate dean in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, Professor Megginson has played a leadership role in promoting educational excellence at the University. The winner of numerous campus and national awards for excellence in mathematics education, he was a key force behind the reform of introductory math courses, changing both content and delivery to emphasize real-world problem solving and cooperative learning. He re-designed the Math Lab to focus on mastery of basic skills, leaving classroom time for learning the higher order thinking that is at the heart of mathematics education. Through his outreach efforts and his mentoring of student groups on campus, Professor Megginson has worked tirelessly to increase the representation and retention of minority students on campus, especially Native Americans, in the sciences and mathematics. One student writes that Professor Megginson "is one of the reasons why underrepresented peoples, like Native Americans, attend this University." According to another, "Professor Megginson's commitment to diversity extends beyond his own personal connections to support the shared challenges that all underrepresented minorities face." His colleagues describe him as a leader on campus, "challenging the conventional wisdom, not giving up, standing up for what is right." He shows a passion for helping others achieve their best, and his commitment to education and the betterment of students is unconditional.

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Dana M. Muir

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Business Law, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Business Law, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

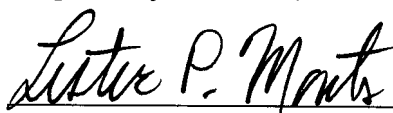
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on her extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Muir be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A gifted and dedicated teacher, Professor Muir has taught core, required undergraduate business law courses for over a decade. Despite the complexity of course materials and her own high standards and expectations, she regularly receives near perfect scores on her student evaluations. She displays a unique ability to translate detailed, highly intricate legal issues into the realistic business situations, and she uses hands-on activities, group projects, and simulations to make material accessible and relevant to students. As one colleague writes, "She is no stranger to classroom innovation and has set up a number of special events to create a learning environment that is creative and engaging, yet challenging and rigorous." For example, she has worked with colleagues to bring issues of serious financial fraud to the forefront in their classrooms by engaging students in a mock trial of Enron's former CEOs. Her commitment to undergraduate education extends beyond the classroom to include informal pre-law advising, mentorship of students in undergraduate research projects, and service on the School's curriculum committee. Students are deeply appreciative of her engagement with and interest in their education. As one student writes, "if students are struggling, she will seek them out, offer assistance, and provide resources for additional tutoring or help." Another says that "Professor Muir is the exact model of what an undergraduate professor should be: dedicated, supportive, innovative, and inspiring. She is a true treasure."

For her exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend her for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



for Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Ann Marie Sastry

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

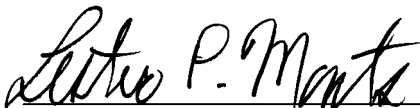
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on her extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Sastry be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A passionate and inspiring teacher, Professor Sastry has been a key contributor to the excellence of undergraduate engineering education at Michigan. Professor Sastry's nomination letter cites her "unparalleled commitment to her students through her availability, responsiveness, and willingness to aid them in their learning endeavors." Her enthusiasm for the subject is contagious, and students comment on her outstanding communication skills and her rare ability to be both demanding and supportive. As one student writes, "she leads me to the door and challenges me to open it myself." Professor Sastry teaches a wide range of courses, and she has developed creative ways of introducing new and complex topics in formats that are readily accessible to students. Now legendary is her section of Introductory Engineering, in which she uses pizza production as a mechanism to teach first-year students basic concepts such as optimization modeling and thermodynamics. A skilled mentor, Professor Sastry is generous with her time outside the classroom, and students "feel extremely comfortable talking to hear about decisions regarding their future." Her innovative teaching has won her appointment to the College of Engineering Teaching Academy. As one student writes, "Professor Sastry has the respect, professionalism, vigor, talent, skill, and passion of an extraordinary educator."

For her exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend her for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,


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Teresa A. Sullivan
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Peter D. Washabaugh

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Washabaugh be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Numerous improvements in the quality of undergraduate engineering education at Michigan are directly attributable to the passion and energy of Professor Washabaugh. His most visible initiative is the Mars Blimp Course, which culminates in first-year engineering students flying blimps that they have designed and built around the atrium of the FXB Building. Wildly popular with students, this exemplar of hands-on, "design, build, and test" pedagogy has shifted the entire department's paradigm for introductory engineering education. Professor Washabaugh has worked steadily for more than a decade to increase opportunities for students to apply industry-ready technology in real-world situations, both within the classroom and in student-run programs such as the Student Space Fabrication Lab. Students find his enthusiasm for the art and science of engineering infectious and inspiring. "Prof. Washabaugh taught me how to be excited about engineering. He was so positive about everything, there was no way I could fail." So exceptionally motivated are his students that, as a colleague notes, "it is a regular 'problem' that Professor Washabaugh has to kick students out of the lab and tell them to go home."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



for Teresa A. Sullivan

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Mario Delmar, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Frank Norman Wilson Professor of Cardiovascular
Medicine

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mario Delmar, M.D., Ph.D., as the first Frank Norman Wilson Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, effective February 1, 2008.

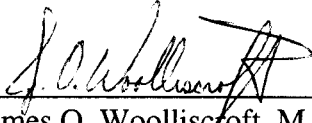
This professorship was established in January 2008 and is intended to support a tenured faculty member whose research and educational activities are focused on cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Delmar joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, in November 2007. He received the M.D. degree in 1980 from the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico City, and the Ph.D. degree in physiology and biophysics from Centro de Investigacion y Estudios Avanzados, Instituto Politecnico Nacional in Mexico City in 1986. Prior to his recruitment to the University of Michigan, Dr. Delmar was Professor of Pharmacology at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Delmar has achieved a national and international reputation for his research on cellular and subcellular bases of cardiac rhythm disturbances and regulation of gap-junction channels. A team of outstanding investigators is being assembled at the University of Michigan to develop an Arrhythmia Research Center in which Dr. Delmar

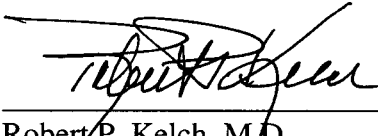
serves as co-director. Dr. Delmar provides valuable expertise to our research and educational programs in cardiovascular medicine. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend his appointment as the Frank Norman Wilson Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine.

Recommended by





James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by



Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for
Medical Affairs



for Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs 

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Victor M. Elner, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences,
with tenure, and Professor of Pathology, without tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Ravitz Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology and
Visual Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Paul R. Lichter, M.D., the F. Bruce Fralick Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Victor M. Elner, M.D., Ph.D., as the Ravitz Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, effective February 1, 2008.


This professorship was established in January 2008, and is intended to support and promote the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member whose work is focused on ophthalmic pathology.

Dr. Elner received the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1979 and 1986, respectively. He completed residencies in ophthalmology and pathology at that institution, followed by fellowships in ophthalmic pathology at the University of Chicago, in association with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also completed a fellowship in ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Elner joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Assistant Professor of Pathology. He advanced through the academic ranks to achieve his current titles of Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in 1999, and to Professor of Pathology in 2004.

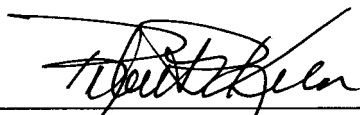
Dr. Elner is a highly respected and valued member of the Medical School faculty. He plays a pivotal role in each aspect of the three missions of patient care, research, and education. His clinical interests involve ophthalmic pathology, as well as eye plastic and orbital surgery. He has been named in the publication "Best Doctors of America" since 1998 and included in the Consumer's Research Council of America's "Top Ophthalmologists" list for 2004-05. His laboratory focuses on research into inflammation relative to ocular and systemic diseases. His research program is well funded, and he is a prolific author, with a bibliography reflecting more than 135 scholarly publications. Dr. Elner is a member of numerous professional organizations and was elected in 2002 to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Ophthalmic Pathologists.

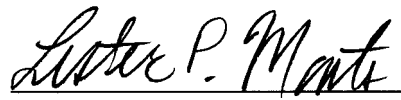
Dr. Elner has made important contributions to the medical literature and is national and internationally recognized for his expertise in ophthalmic pathology. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Victor M. Elner, M.D., Ph.D., as the first Ravitz Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Recommended by


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by


Robert F. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs


for Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

February 14, 2008

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Fred Morady, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and
McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease

TITLE BEING RENEWED: McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

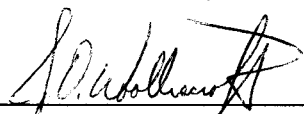
With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Fred Morady, M.D., as the McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease, effective April 1, 2008.

This professorship was established in 2003, through the F.D. and A.C. McKay Medical Research Foundation Endowment and is intended to provide support to a Medical School faculty member with expertise in cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Morady joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1984 and was promoted to his current rank of Professor of Internal Medicine in 1987. He was named the McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease in 2003. Dr. Morady has served as Director of the Clinical Electrophysiology Laboratory at this institution since 1984.

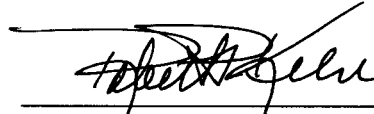
Dr. Morady has achieved national and international recognition for his contributions in clinical cardiology. He has distinguished himself as an innovative investigator, and the McKay endowment will provide him with support to continue his important work in cardiovascular disease. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Fred Morady, M.D., as the McKay Professor of Cardiovascular Disease.

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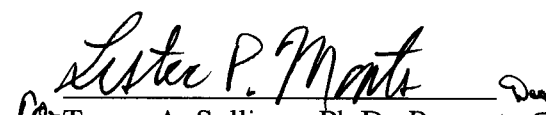


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Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by



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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: David J. Pinsky, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure; Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure; and J. Griswold Ruth, M.D and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professor of Internal Medicine

TITLE BEING RENEWED: J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professor of Internal Medicine

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 20, 2008 through August 31, 2013

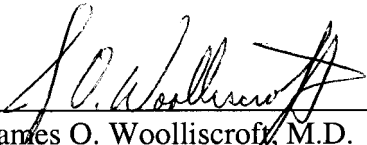
On the recommendation of Robert F. Todd III, M.D., Ph.D., the John G. Searle Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of David J. Pinsky, M.D., as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professor of Internal Medicine, effective February 20, 2008.

The Ruth Professorship in Internal Medicine was established in 2002, through a generous gift from the estate of Dr. and Mrs. The professorship is intended to recognize an outstanding individual who is making noteworthy contributions in an area related to cardiovascular research within internal medicine.

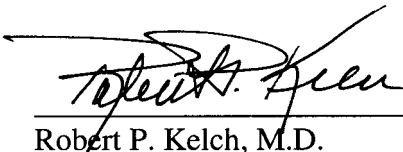
Dr. Pinsky was awarded the M.D. degree from Ohio State University in 1985. He completed a residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, followed by a research fellowship in heart failure at that institution and a clinical cardiology fellowship at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He pursued postdoctoral research training in vascular biology and a fellowship in nuclear cardiology also at that institution. Dr. Pinsky joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, in 2003, and he received a secondary appointment as Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology in 2004.

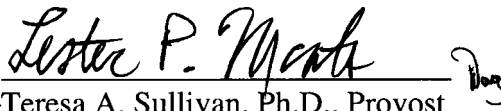
Dr. Pinsky is a well-recognized investigator in the field of endothelial cell function in vascular disease. He has served as Chief of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine since his recruitment to the University of Michigan in 2003. He has provided valuable expertise and important leadership to the clinical service, education, and research programs in cardiovascular medicine at this institution. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of David J. Pinsky, M.D., as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professor of Internal Medicine.

Recommended by


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by


Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
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ACTION REQUEST: Approval of a Professional Administrative Appointment

NAME: Christine S. Rawak

CURRENT TITLE: Executive Director, Development Recruitment and Personal Planning, Office of University Development

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Assistant Vice President for Development, Talent Management, Finance and Administration, Office of University Development

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the appointment of Christine S. Rawak as assistant vice president for development, effective February 1, 2008.

As a member of the senior management team for the Office of University Development (OUD), Ms. Rawak will be responsible for facilitating the overall strategy of talent and financial resources with the management team, and is responsible for creating and implementing talent and financial programs, resources and services that support the achievement of the Office of University Development's goals. The assistant vice president has oversight for finance and administration and talent management, which includes recruitment, training and education and organizational development.

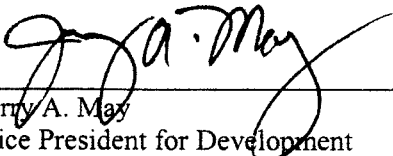
Ms. Rawak is currently the executive director of development recruitment and personnel planning. I have asked Ms. Rawak to take on the management of the finance, administration and goals for the Office of University Development. This level of responsibility warrants an adjustment in Ms. Rawak's title.

During the four years Ms. Rawak has been at U-M she has provided exceptional leadership and been a wonderful partner in OUD, as well as the larger development community, in addition to her strategy and leadership for the recruitment and personnel planning program and team.

Ms. Rawak received her BA in management and communications from the University of Michigan in 1992 and a MS in communications from Northwestern University in 2003. Prior to coming to the Office of University Development in 2004, Ms. Rawak was director of personnel and business resources in the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at Northwestern University. She started at Northwestern University in 1996 as manager of personnel staffing, before being promoted to director. Prior to her time at Northwestern, she was the assistant women's swimming coach at the University of Michigan from 1992 to 1996.

I am please to recommend for your approval the appointment of Christine S. Rawak as assistant vice president for development, effective February 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Jerry A. May
Vice President for Development

February 2008