SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
February 2009

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS

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

   (1) Pletcher, Scott D., Ph.D., associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2009.

   (2) Samaniego-Picota, Milagros, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, February 1, 2009.

2. Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected administrative staff.

   (1) Kikuchi, Noboru, Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013 (also professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure.)

3. Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic administrative staff.

   (1) Aiello, Allison E., John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2009 through February 29, 2012 (also assistant professor of epidemiology.)

   (2) Eisenberg, Joseph N., associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2009 (also associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure.)

   (3) McCune, W. Joseph, M.D., Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School, effective February 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure.)

   (4) Moore, Bethany B., Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure, Medical School (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure.)

   (5) Parson, Edward A., Joseph L. Sax Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014 (also professor of law, with tenure, Law School, and professor of natural resources and environment, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment.)

   (6) Ratner, Steven R., Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014 (also professor of law, with tenure.)
3. Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic administrative staff.

   (7) Scavia, Donald, Graham Family Professor, Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014 (also professor of natural resources and environment, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment.)

4. Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

   (1) Kenyon, George L., extension of a two-year leave of absence, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (Tom D. Rowe Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, and professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, with tenure, College of Pharmacy.)

5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.

   (1) Additional Information for an Endowed Professorship for the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professorship in Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School.

   (2) Renaming of an existing Collegiate Professorship as the Felix E. Moore Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2009 (currently the Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics.)

   (3) Correction in name of an Endowed Professorship as the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Science, Medical School (currently the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Research.)

6. Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

   (1) Bright, Charles C., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2009 (also professor of history, with tenure, professor in the Residential College, without tenure, and director, Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

   (2) Evrard, August E., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2009 (also professor of physics, with tenure, and professor of astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)
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6. Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

(3) Markovits, Andrei S., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2009 (also Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, professor of Germanic languages and literatures, with tenure, professor of political science, with tenure, and professor of sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(4) Walsh, James P., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2009 (also Gerald and Esther Carey Professor of Business Administration, and professor of organizational behavior, human resource management, corporate strategy, and international business, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business.)

(5) Wooldridge, Margaret S., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2009 (also professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, and professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering.)

DEARBORN CAMPUS

7. Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected administrative staff.

(1) Trepanier-Street, Mary L., associate dean, School of Education, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (also professor of education, with tenure.)

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8. Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic administrative staff.

(1) Woehrle, Kathleen L., chair, Department of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012 (also associate professor of social work, with tenure.)

9. Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

(1) Approval to extend the appointment period for the David M. French Professorships through the period of the appointee’s active service on the faculty at the University of Michigan, effective December 1, 2008.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2009

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of M. Bishr Omary, M.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D., as associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, effective February 1, 2009. Dr. Omary will also hold an appointment as a research associate professor of internal medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Institute of Gerontology.

Dr. Pletcher received the M.S. degree in statistics from the University of Minnesota in 1997, and the Ph.D. in genetics in 1998, also from that institution. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute and at University College in London, United Kingdom. Dr. Pletcher was appointed as an assistant professor of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in 2003. In 2008, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure.

Dr. Pletcher’s research focuses on the molecular biology of aging. He uses Drosophila as a model system to study this process and has published very high impact papers on the topic. His bibliography reflects 38 peer-reviewed publications, including a high profile paper in Science in 2007. He also has authored 10 book chapters, reviews and opinions, including a chapter in the Annual Reviews of Genetics. His research is currently supported by two grants from the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Pletcher’s expertise in aging research will promote collaborations with colleagues in the Institute of Gerontology in the Department of Internal Medicine.
Recent and Significant Publications


At his current institution, Dr. Pletcher has presented didactic lectures in methods and logic in molecular biology, biology of aging, proteomics and functional genomics, and developmental biology. In addition, he has mentored several postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in his laboratory. He was co-director of the cell and molecular biology graduate program and actively involved in teaching and curriculum design in this program. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Pletcher will teach within the bioinformatics and neuroscience programs and plans to develop a new graduate course in the physiology of model organisms. Dr. Pletcher is well regarded for his lecturing abilities. He was the invited speaker at the international summer training course at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole in 2004, and was the invited course instructor in the 15th annual summer training course in experimental aging research at the Nathan Shock Center in San Antonio in 2007.

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

**Reviewer A:** “To put it succinctly, Scott would be on anybody’s short-list of most talented researchers of his generation in the biology of aging.”

**Reviewer B:** “Through his work on aging in Drosophila, Scott has published a series of very good to outstanding articles in *Science, PNAS, Genetics, Nature Genetics* and other journals.”

**Reviewer C:** “In my opinion, in comparison with peers at this stage of their careers, I would rank Scott as among the best three or four biogerontologists in the world.”
Reviewer D: “He is very well respected internationally, and has served on a number of grant and journal review boards. He will become an influential and authoritative person in the field, and an enormous asset to any institution for which he works.”

Reviewer E: “...the most prominent paper published by Dr. Pletcher, to date, is the 2007 Science paper. ... This is a landmark paper, which has been widely cited and will continue to impact the field for several years. In discussions of possible awards for research in aging, this paper is frequently cited.”

Dr. Pletcher has a strong record of service activities at the national level. From 1999-2002, he was on the editorial board for Demographic Research and, since 2002, he has been a section editor for the journal Aging Cell. He is a study section reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, American Federation for Aging Research, and the Ellison Medical Foundation. He previously served on the scientific advisory board for the Wellcome Trust and for the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Pletcher is a highly regarded scientist in the area of aging research. He has made extensive contributions to education through his teaching and mentoring activities, as well as through his efforts in the organization of national research symposia and conferences. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D. as associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

February 2009
On the recommendation of John Del Valle, M.D., 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 appointment of Milagros Samaniego-Picota, M.D., as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, effective February 1, 2009.

Dr. Samaniego-Picota received her medical degree from the Universidad de Panama in 1984 and completed a residency in internal medicine in Panama City. In 1990, she came to the United States to undertake an additional residency in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. In 1994, Dr. Samaniego-Picota was a clinical fellow in nephrology at Johns Hopkins University and continued at that institution for a research postdoctoral fellowship in immunopathology, completing this training in 1997. From 1997-2000, she was a clinical assistant professor of pathology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland and, from 2000-2004, she was an assistant professor of pathology at Johns Hopkins University. In 2004, Dr. Samaniego-Picota joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin as an associate professor of medicine and received a secondary appointment in the Department of Surgery (Division of Transplantation) in 2008.

Dr. Samaniego-Picota’s research interest is in experimental and, more recently, clinical antibody-mediated rejection and treatment options for highly sensitized kidney transplant candidates. As one of a small group of clinician-scientists formally trained to study mechanisms of antibody and complement induced injury of solid organ transplants in humans, Dr. Samaniego-Picota has focused her research on the study of acute and chronic antibody-mediated injury of transplanted organs and the development of protocols to enable transplantation in patients with high levels of anti-HLA antibodies or ABO blood group incompatibility. She currently is a site principal investigator on three multicenter grants. She has authored 43 peer-reviewed publications in specialty journals, as well as nine book chapters.
Recent and Significant Publications


Dr. Samaniego-Picota’s teaching responsibilities have mirrored her clinical focus on nephrology and renal transplantation. Within this context, she has been involved in the teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows at Johns Hopkins University and at the University of Wisconsin. She also has mentored several fellows, two of whom have received regional and national awards for their research work. She has been involved in educational activities on a national level. During her work on the education committee of the American Society of Transplantation, she has been responsible for ensuring adequacy and assessment of continuing medical education, creating programming for the American Society for Transplantation fellows’ symposium, and for the American Society of Nephrology fellows’ program.

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

**Reviewer A:** “When comparing Dr. Samaniego to her national colleagues, she is easily in the top ten percent of this group. Her scholarship, her educational abilities, and her innate ability to bring people together to discuss, brainstorm and innovate are phenomenal.”

**Reviewer B:** “Millie’s academic contributions and creative scholarship are extremely impressive, especially considering her teaching and clinical responsibilities. Her publications are very important to the transplant community in deciding how to manage immunosuppressive drugs post-transplant.”
Reviewer C: "In my opinion, she is one of the most capable and accomplished transplant nephrologists in the United States and fully deserves tenure and a leadership position at an outstanding medical center interested in growing their transplant program."

Reviewer D: "She is recognized for her work on B cells in transplantation, a subject that was essentially ignored by the transplant community for many years. This work has lead to many publications, totaling over 40, and national and international invitations to speak and to participate in conferences."

Reviewer E: "...Dr. Milagros Samaniego-Picota is a dynamic clinical scholar and educator in the field of transplantation with a national reputation."

Since 2005, Dr. Samaniego-Picota has been associate director of nephrology at the University of Wisconsin. In 2007, she also received an appointment as chief of transplant services at that institution. Clinically, she is a specialist in the care of renal transplant patients. At the University of Michigan, it is planned that, in addition to her clinical practice, she will serve as medical director of the adult kidney and pancreas transplant program. On a national level, Dr. Samaniego-Picota is active with the American Society of Transplantation, holding several leadership positions within that organization. In 2007, she was appointed to the executive board of the Women in Nephrology professional organization, and to the transplant advisory group of the American Society of Nephrology. Dr. Samaniego-Picota is associate editor of three journals, an ad hoc reviewer for seven publications, and has served on a study section for the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Samaniego-Picota is a productive investigator, clinician, and administrator. She is experienced with teaching at all educational levels and has a strong record of service to her professional and scientific field. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Milagros D. Samaniego-Picota, M.D., as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

February 2009
Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Noboru Kikuchi

CURRENT TITLES: Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the reappointment of Noboru Kikuchi as the Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

Professor Kikuchi received his BE (1974) from the Tokyo Institute of Technology and MSc (1975) and PhD (1977) degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1980 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1983, and to professor in 1985. Professor Kikuchi’s research interests are in the areas of computational mechanics including mechanics of composite materials, structural design optimization, and analysis of material processing; development of computational methods for composite mechanics using the homogenization method; topology and shape optimization of elastic structures; and development of adaptive remesh methods for simulation of metal forming processes. Professor Kikuchi also serves as a member of the Committee on Computing in Applied Mechanics, ASME; reviewer, Applied Mechanics Reviews, ASME; and member of the International Advisory Committee, International Association of Computational Mechanics. He is a fellow of the International Association for Computational Mechanics, he received the Henry Russel Award in 1985, the Distinguished Research Award in 1991, and the Outstanding Research Award from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics in 1993, all from the University of Michigan.

Professor Kikuchi has an impressive record of service to the University and his profession. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the College and the University. The College of Engineering Executive Committee and I are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Noboru Kikuchi as the Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

February 2009

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

February 2009
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic administrative staff
With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Allison E. Aiello as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2009 through February 29, 2012.

The John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Epidemiology was established by the Regents in September 2008. Securities to support this professorship were contributed to the University by John G. Searle, then Chairman of the Board of G. D. Searle & Co. This award is for three years and is renewable.

Professor Aiello received a M.S. in environmental health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1998 and a Ph.D. in epidemiology from Columbia University in 2003. Upon completion of her doctoral degree, she was appointed as a Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at the University of Michigan Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor of epidemiology in 2005.

Professor Aiello is an expert in the emerging field of social determinants of persistent infection and the link between infections and chronic disease in the United States. She is one of the pioneers in this interdisciplinary approach which integrates laboratory studies of herpes viruses, C. pneumoniae, and H. pylori with social epidemiology methodologies. In addition, she is spearheading work on non-pharmaceutical interventions for reducing infectious diseases, focusing on pathogens and normal microbiota. Given the tremendous rise in antibiotic resistance, this work is essential to our long term control of infectious disease. Professor Aiello is a leader both within our Department of Epidemiology and across the country for building transdisciplinary approaches to vexing public health problems.

It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Professor Allison E. Aiello as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2009 through February 29, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kenneth E. Warner
Dean, School of Public Health
February 2009

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
On the recommendation of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joseph N. Eisenberg as associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2009.

Professor Eisenberg received a Bachelor's degree in 1982, a Master of Science in 1986, a Master of Public Health in 1991, and a Ph.D. in 1992, all from the University of California, Berkeley/San Francisco.

Professor Eisenberg served as an adjunct assistant professor/assistant research scientist, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley (Divisions of Environmental Health Sciences and Epidemiology) from 1998-2003. He was promoted to adjunct associate professor/associate research scientist in 2003. He joined the University of Michigan School of Public Health faculty in 2006 as assistant professor of epidemiology and was promoted to associate professor in 2008.

Professor Eisenberg has a remarkable capacity to integrate his teaching and mentoring with his research. His research interests are microbial risk assessment and environmental determinants of infectious diseases, both of which focus on disease transmission modeling and a systems approach for the study of infectious-disease processes. The proposed additional appointment will enhance research and training collaborations between the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences and Epidemiology as they work together to expand support and mentorship opportunities.

Professor Eisenberg is a nationally and internationally recognized scientist with a distinguished record of research, teaching and service. The proposed appointment will extend the collaborative efforts of both Epidemiology and Environmental Health Sciences. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joseph N. Eisenberg as associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY: 
Kenneth E. Warner, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: W. Joseph McCune, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014

On the recommendation of John Del Valle, M.D., 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 appointment of W. Joseph McCune, M.D., as the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, effective February 1, 2009.

This professorship was established in January 2009 through funding from the Michael and Marcia Klein Research Fund and intended to support research in rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

Dr. McCune received the M.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1975. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, followed by a research fellowship in rheumatology and a clinical fellowship in internal medicine, both at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. McCune joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of internal medicine in 1981, and was promoted to associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, in 1989. He has held his current title of professor of internal medicine, with tenure, since 1999.

Dr. McCune has devoted much of his research career to studies of the diagnosis and management of systemic lupus. He reported the clinical and immunologic effects of monthly bolus cyclophosphamide for severe lupus in 1988. The methods described in this paper were widely adopted as the standard therapy for management of severe lupus. More recently, he described use of a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist for ovarian protection in women receiving bolus cyclophosphamide for lupus. Dr. McCune’s current interests in clinical and translational research include the pathogenesis of accelerated vascular injury in lupus, racial and geographic influences on epidemiology of lupus, advanced magnetic resonance techniques in neuropsychiatric lupus, and anatomical and
molecular markers of the prognosis of lupus nephritis. He directs the Michigan Lupus Cohort and the University of Michigan Multidisciplinary Lupus Clinic, and he oversees the clinical trials unit focused on lupus and vasculitis. Dr. McCune is co-principal investigator of the MiLES project, a large Centers for Disease Control (CDC) sponsored project to determine the incidence and prevalence of lupus in Southeastern Michigan.

At the University of Michigan, Dr. McCune has served as associate chief for clinical programs in the Division of Rheumatology since 1988. He is board certified in internal medicine and in rheumatology. He is referenced in several publications, including America’s Top Doctors and Best Doctors in America. He received the “Outstanding Clinician Award” from the University of Michigan Medical School in 2007. Nationally, Dr. McCune’s expertise as both a clinician and scholar is well recognized, and he has received numerous invitations to present at national and international venues. He has served on several committees for the American College of Rheumatology and the Arthritis Foundation, and he received the American College of Rheumatology Distinguished Clinician Scholar Award in 2007. Since 2003, Dr. McCune has chaired the medical advisory board for the Michigan Lupus Foundation.

Dr. McCune has earned a national and international reputation as one of the very best clinician scholars in rheumatology. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend his appointment as the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Bethany B. Moore, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2009

On the recommendation of Harry L.T. Mobley, Ph.D., the Frederick G. Novy Collegiate Professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Bethany B. Moore, Ph.D., as associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure, effective February 1, 2009.

Dr. Moore received the Ph.D. degree in immunology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. She completed a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at that institution, followed by additional fellowship training at Stanford University from 1994-1997. Dr. Moore came to the University of Michigan in 1997 and was appointed as a research investigator in the Department of Internal Medicine. In 2000, she was promoted to assistant research scientist and remained in that position until receiving an appointment as assistant professor of internal medicine in 2003. Dr. Moore was promoted to her current rank of associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, in 2006.

Dr. Moore is a member of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. Her research interests are focused on fibrotic lung disease and host defense following bone marrow transplantation. She has a productive research program and currently is the principal investigator of two NIH R01 grants. Dr. Moore also is co-investigator on several other awards funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, as well as institutional and foundation grants. She is nationally recognized in her research field as noted by her two editorial board memberships and an associate editorship of the Journal of Immunology.

Dr. Moore has an extensive teaching portfolio. She has provided lectures for several years in the graduate course, Immunology 850. Since 2006, she has been course director for the graduate-level course Immunology 851 (Special Topics in Immunology).
and as course director for the undergraduate course Microbiology 415 (Virology) since 2005. In addition, Dr. Moore has been a research mentor for several pulmonary fellows, postdoctoral fellows, and Ph.D. students. She has served on numerous preliminary examination and dissertation committees. In the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Dr. Moore will contribute approximately 10-12 lectures per year in support of the department's teaching mission. She also will provide mentoring for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, participate in departmental seminars, and engage in committee service activities.

Dr. Moore is an exceptional investigator and educator. A secondary appointment will formalize her past and ongoing contributions in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Bethany B. Moore, Ph.D., as associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

February 2009
Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship
Edward A. Parson
Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School, and Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment
Joseph L. Sax Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School
February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014

The Law School respectfully requests the appointment of Edward A. Parson as the Joseph L. Sax Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

Professor Sax is a world-renowned environmental law expert who taught at the University of Michigan from 1966 to 1986 as the Philip A. Hart Distinguished University Professor. Professor Sax’s writings on the public trust doctrine and “takings” have frequently been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and remain definitive in the field. He is often called the father of environmental law and advocacy.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago, Joseph Sax began his career working for the U.S. Department of Justice and in private law practice in Washington, D.C. In 1962, Professor Sax joined the law faculty of the University of Colorado, and in 1966, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan. Twenty years later, Professor Sax left Michigan and joined the University of California – Berkeley’s Boalt School of Law faculty, where he is the James H. House and Hiram H. Hurd Professor Emeritus of Environmental Regulation.

Professor Sax is currently a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and his awards and citations include the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award from the University of Michigan, the Elizabeth Haub Environmental Prize of the Free University of Brussels, the Audubon Society’s Conservationist of the Year Award, the William O. Douglas Legal Achievement Award from the Sierra Club, and the Environmental Quality Award of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Professor Parson earned a B.Sc. in physics from the University of Toronto in 1975, a M.Sc in management science from the University of British Columbia in 1981, and a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University in 1992. He was an assistant professor at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government from 1992 to 1996, and an

Professor Parson is a nationally respected teacher and scholar in environmental policy, the political economy of regulation, the role of science and technology in policy and regulation, and the analysis of negotiations, collective decisions, and conflicts. He has served in several prominent governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the Canadian Institute for Research on Public Policy, the U.S. Office of Technology Assessment, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Austria), the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Climate Change Science Program, for which he was the chairman of the Expert Group on Scenarios for Global-Change Assessment. He has authored or edited six books and numerous articles that make significant contributions to the field.

The Law School respectfully requests the appointment of Edward A. Parson as the Joseph L. Sax Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDED BY: Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

J. David Allen, Acting Dean
School of Natural Resources and Environment

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Steven R. Ratner

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014

The Law School respectfully requests the appointment of Steven R. Ratner as the Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

Recognized throughout Europe as one of the two or three leading figures in public international law, Bruno Simma, German jurist, is currently a judge on the International Court of Justice, having been appointed to that post in 2003. Simma first came to the Law School in 1986 as a visiting professor. From 1987 to 1992, he held a joint appointment on the faculty while also serving on the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and as vice president of the German Society of International Law. In 1995, Simma was both a visiting professor at the Law School and a lecturer at The Hague Academy of International Law. Since 1997, he has been a member of the Law School’s Affiliated Overseas Faculty.

Some of Simma’s other considerable experience includes serving as dean of the Munich Faculty of Law, being a member of the UN International Law Commission, serving as professor of international law and European community law, and as director of the Institute of International Law at the University of Munich. Simma has been co-agent and counsel in cases before the International Court of Justice and has provided expertise for conflict-prevention activities of the UN Secretary General. He serves as a member of the Court of Arbitration in Sports of the International Olympic Committee. He is also co-founder and co-editor of the European Journal of International Law, as well as co-founder of the European Society of International Law. In 2003, Simma was admitted to the prestigious Institut de droit international.

Professor Ratner earned his A.B., magna cum laude, from Princeton University in 1982. He received an M.A. from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales, Geneva in 1983, and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1986. After graduation, Professor Ratner worked as an attorney-advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, and was an international affairs fellow for the Council on Foreign Relations. In 1993, Professor Ratner joined the University of Texas School of Law as an assistant professor in 1993. He was promoted to professor in 1997 and became the Albert Sidney...
Burleson Professor of Law in 1999. Professor Ratner joined our faculty in September 2004.

Professor Ratner is an internationally respected scholar and teacher of international law, with specific expertise in human rights, the law of war, terrorism, international organizations, and ethnic conflict. In addition to a prolific scholarly record in these fields, Professor Ratner has served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Hague, as a member of the United Nations Secretary-General’s three-person Group of Experts for Cambodia, and as a member of the board of editors of the American Journal of International Law.

The Law School respectfully requests the appointment of Steven Ratner as the Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

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

February 2009
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship
NAME: Donald Scavia
CURRENT TITLES: Director, Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, and Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Graham Family Professor
EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014

We are pleased to recommend for Regental approval the appointment of Donald Scavia as the Graham Family Professor, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

Professor Scavia received his B.S. and M.S degrees in environmental engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1973 and 1974, respectively. He received a Ph.D. in environmental engineering from the University of Michigan (U-M) in 1980. His research focuses on modeling and empirical studies of nutrient cycling, plankton production, food-web dynamics, and biological-physical coupling, with an emphasis on the effects of human disturbance on coastal and Great Lakes ecosystems. Prior to joining the U-M faculty, Donald Scavia held progressively responsible leadership positions with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where he ultimately served as chief scientist for NOAA’s National Ocean Service. After 15 years in Washington, D.C. focused on science and science policy, he received the Department of Commerce Gold Medal for Leadership. Professor Scavia joined the U-M faculty in 2004 as a professor and a research associate dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, and director of the Michigan Sea Grant Program.

Professor Scavia has authored over 70 papers in refereed journals, including Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Science, BioScience, Environmental Science and Technology, Limnology and Oceanography, Oceanography, Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Estuaries and Coasts, Water Resources Research, and Ecological Modeling. He is co-editor of From the Corn Belt to the Gulf: Assessment of Alternative Agricultural Futures and Ecological Modeling of Lake Ecosystems, and co-author of over 30 book chapters.

Donald Scavia’s expertise in environmental sustainability research, assessment and education, are ideal credentials to assume the Graham Family Professorship.

Recommended By:

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

February 2009
Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
It is recommended that George L. Kenyon be granted an extension of leave of absence for an additional year, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Professor Kenyon has been on leave of absence to fulfill an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) assignment for two years to serve as a program director for the Organic and Macromolecular and Special Projects Programs, Division of Chemistry, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, of the National Science Foundation. In this capacity, he is responsible for implementing the research proposal review and evaluation process for the program. He was chosen for this assignment based on his managerial and technical background, which have enhanced the management, operation, and evaluation of the programs within the Division. In turn, he has gained useful experience in the development, coordination, and management of large and complex federal programs and policy-level matters and issues involving the sciences at a federal level, which will also benefit the University of Michigan. The National Science Foundation has benefited from Professor Kenyon’s academic and scientific insights and has, therefore, invited him to serve on this assignment for an additional year.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor George L. Kenyon.

RECOMMENDED BY: 
Frank J. Asfone
Dean, College of Pharmacy

February 2009
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Information for an Endowed Professorship

TITLE: Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professorship in Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School

In a January 2009 Regents’ Communication requesting the establishment of an endowed professorship, information was omitted pertaining to the endowment gift and the donors. The following serves to detail the background of Mr. and Mrs. Klein and to acknowledge their generosity and support for research programs in rheumatoid arthritis and lupus at the University of Michigan.

Seven years ago, a diagnosis of both rheumatoid arthritis and lupus in the family of Michael and Marcy Klein led them to the University of Michigan and the work of W. Joseph McCune, M.D. On the advice of Regent Laurence Deitch and then Medical School Dean Allen Lichter, the Kleins sought out Dr. McCune and a relationship was forged as they delved into learning about the two autoimmune diseases that so deeply affected their lives, the treatment options currently available, and the research being done at the University of Michigan.

Michael Klein is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania and is a partner and owner of Southfield-based Marlin Steel Industries and Linamar Manufacturing, which are both steel businesses. Previously, he was founder and president of Detroit-based Mars Industries, a full-service scrap recycling company and metal recycler which he sold to a large New York-based conglomerate. Marcy Klein, a lifelong resident of the Detroit area, graduated from Michigan State University. After closing her business of 17 years, she became interested in photography and does work for a non-profit in Florida. Michael and Marcy are also committed to the Weizmann Institute of Science. The Kleins live in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and her children, Stacy and Mitchell, reside in Royal Oak, Michigan.

As the Kleins learned about Dr. McCune’s research—and about the 3.6 million Americans affected by the pain, inflammation and debilitation of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus—they decided to establish a research fund in their names to advance the work being done at the University of Michigan. A portion of the Klein Research Fund has supported a detailed database called the Michigan Lupus Cohort, a group of 470 lupus patients at Michigan who allow Dr. McCune and his colleagues to follow their disease course and contact them about potential participation in clinical trials. “The Lupus Cohort has served as a catalyst for developing new approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of lupus and has fostered important collaborations between clinicians and laboratory researchers pursuing lupus-related projects,” Dr. McCune explains.
The Klein Research Fund also is supporting a long-term study to determine the causes and treatment of premature heart disease in women with lupus. As they saw an increase for lupus and other rheumatic disease research, Mr. and Mrs. Klein decided to make a new, significant gift from their family foundation and transform the research fund into a professorship that bears their name.

The significant philanthropic commitment by the Kleins is a testament to their resolve to make a strong impact on the diagnosis, treatment and eventual cures for rheumatic diseases, especially lupus. Their gifts will make a difference for a great many patients not only in Michigan, but around the world. Most of these patients will never know the names of Michael and Marcia Klein, but their suffering will be mitigated by the medical breakthroughs made possible by their generosity.

Recommended by

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

February 2009

Recommendation endorsed by

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

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Renaming of an Existing Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Felix E. Moore Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2009

We are pleased to recommend that the Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics be renamed as the Felix E. Moore Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics. The Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics was established as an unendowed collegiate professorship in 2005 and was held by Professor Michael Boehnke. We now wish to honor the memory of Professor Felix Moore by renaming this professorship. This professorship is funded with central resources.

Professor Felix Moore served the School of Public Health as professor of biostatistics from 1957 until his retirement in 1979. He was the chair of the Department of Biostatistics from 1957-1971. Professor Moore was a devoted teacher and researcher who not only led a new department in providing essential teaching to public health generalists, but played a key role in the building of long-term population studies, including the pioneering Tecumseh Project, the Center for Research on Diseases of the Heart and Circulation and Related Disorders, and the Framingham Heart Study. He is also credited with designing some of the first placebo controlled clinical trials.

Professor Moore’s career was devoted to a better understanding of risk factors associated with disease and to improvements in human welfare. His outstanding contributions to the field of biostatistics, as well as his dedication to the School of Public Health, are among the reasons why naming this professorship in his honor is appropriate.

RECOMMENDED BY: Kenneth E. Warner, Dean School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Correction in Name of Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Research, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLE: H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Sciences, Medical School

In a November 2008 Regents’ Communication requesting the establishment of an endowed professorship, the name of the professorship was incorrectly reported. The most recent endowed professorship established in memory of Dr. Pollard should be titled the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Sciences.

Dr. Pollard, who was nationally recognized for his contributions to pancreatic cancer, served as chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Michigan from 1940-1972. The H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Sciences supports the activities of its current recipient Juanita L. Merchant, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine and professor of molecular and integrative physiology, who will continue to hold this distinguished title through her current renewable term of August 31, 2013.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

February 2009
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Charles C. Bright

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of History, with tenure, Professor in the Residential College, without tenure, and Director of Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, with tenure, Professor in the Residential College, without tenure, and Director of Residential College, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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 Bright be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Charles Bright’s dedication to community engagement has inspired and changed the lives of his students. As a colleague writes, Professor Bright “grasps axiomatically that this world around us has become ever more complexly diverse,” and he encourages students to critically engage that world through a variety of unique experiences. Professor Bright has created opportunities for students to take part in several experiential learning projects involving the Detroit community. As part of the new Semester in Detroit program, which he co-founded, students participate in internships with Detroit organizations and work on projects such as developing sustainable urban gardening or creating dramatic productions based on historical research. As a colleague remarks, Professor Bright has “enabled students to broaden their understanding of the world and to develop their capacity to engage it pro-actively.” Professor Bright’s passion for connecting students to the community has informed his work with the curriculum as well, leading him to create several new undergraduate courses and two new undergraduate minors in the areas of Crime and Justice and Global Transformation. In directing LSA’s recent Citizenship Theme year, Professor Bright continued to teach through civic engagement, finding “many ways to enable undergraduates to learn about citizenship and become engaged citizens.” In his classes – ranging from global themes such as Empires to local historical topics such as The Central Michigan RR Station and the Community of Southwest Detroit – Professor Bright transforms his students’ worldviews. As one student reports of Professor Bright’s classes, “each course I took redefined my understanding of the material and ultimately refocused my life goals.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: August E. Evrard

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Physics, with tenure, and Professor of Astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Physics, with tenure, and Professor of Astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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 Evrard be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A caring and innovative teacher, Professor August Evrard has leveraged new technologies to make “the highly mathematical subject of physics alive and exciting,” even in large, required courses. In his physics lectures, Professor Evrard was a pioneer in exploring how the Internet and student response systems could be used to promote student engagement and learning. In his term as chair of the LSA Instructional Technology Committee, Professor Evrard guided the introduction of these technologies across the university, and a colleague notes that his role was essential in helping “transform large lecture classes from passive receipt to something more dynamic and actively engaged.” His leadership with respect to technology was also key to the creation of the Academic Reporting Toolkit (ART), which allows faculty to learn more about their students’ academic backgrounds and preparation. As one colleague states of ART, “ten years from now we’ll all look back and marvel at how little we used to know about the student experience, and we will use tools like these on a daily basis in our interaction with students.” Professor Evrard brings this same creativity and passion to his mentoring activities, and has been a particularly effective mentor to women, underrepresented minorities, and international students. A former student recalls that, “having the support of a professor who recognized that female students had a unique set of challenges was invaluable.” Another student whose work with Professor Evrard led to a major publication says that, “the publication would not have been possible without the encouragement of Professor Evrard as well as his assistance on technical writing, especially since English was my second language.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Andrei S. Markovits

CURRENT TITLES: Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, Professor of Political Science, with tenure, and Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, Professor of Political Science, with tenure, and Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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 Markovits be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Faculty colleagues describe Professor Markovits as a “gifted, brilliant, and dedicated teacher,” with an “astonishing range.” Teaching courses in five departments, he regularly receives outstanding student feedback, and he has been recognized with numerous teaching awards, including the Golden Apple Award in 2007. Professor Markovits engages students in the classroom with captivating and relevant lectures. As one student writes, “after the first lecture, when Professor Markovits introduced Germany and its troubled history, I immediately phoned my dad and said, ‘I just had the most amazing lecture since I have been here at Michigan.’” Not only is Professor Markovits an outstanding classroom teacher, but he also influences student lives as a concerned and rigorous advisor. One student reports that she “would not be a doctoral candidate in history at Stanford University today had it not been for the training and support that Andy Markovits provided.” As senior honors director in political science, he also made significant contributions to the department’s honors program, redesigning the honors seminar from a class that met infrequently to a weekly gathering where students engaged in stimulating discussions of their projects. Students reported that he “was absolutely encouraging when he needed to be, yet challenging as well and made sure that everyone was doing his or her best work.” His ability to inspire excellence is clear from his students’ achievements: three of the students he mentored in the honors program won Fulbright Awards, and a fourth won a Marshall Scholarship.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: James P. Walsh

CURRENT TITLES: Gerald and Esther Carey Professor of Business Administration, and Professor of Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Corporate Strategy, and International Business, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Gerald and Esther Carey Professor of Business Administration, and Professor of Organizational Behavior, Human Resource Management, Corporate Strategy, and International Business, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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 Walsh be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A creative and enthusiastic teacher, Professor Walsh treats students as “contributors in the learning process, not recipients of wisdom packaged by others,” engaging them through interactive lectures, case studies, in-class simulations, and international site visits. His seminar on The Corporation in Society reflects Professor Walsh’s commitment to tackling corporate ethical dilemmas. He pushes students to balance business practices and ethics, “getting his students to see the complexity of these seemingly black and white issues.” When a course included discussion of the Ford Pinto, Professor Walsh invited a surprise visitor — the former CEO of Ford Motor Company — who talked to students about the case. As a result, one student learned “that it was much easier for students to pontificate in a classroom than it is for businesspeople to make critical decisions in a complicated world.” To bring to life questions surrounding globalization and corporations in society, Professor Walsh gathered support to take students on a trip to China, visiting sites involved in corporate governance, including government agencies, factories, NGOs, and oversight commissions. As a student recalls of the experience, “learning in the place, from the people, I have a whole new outlook now on consumer behavior, on supply chains, on the impact of one person, and on business in general.” Professor Walsh has also earned a reputation as a generous and talented mentor, meeting students informally, offering lengthy responses to regular opinion papers, and inviting them to be co-authors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 2009
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Margaret S. Wooldridge

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

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 Wooldridge be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Margaret Wooldridge’s dedication to mentoring and outreach make her an exceptional educator within and beyond her department. She is described by one colleague as “a superb instructor in the classroom” who has energized the large undergraduate core courses in Engineering. She also created a course on Advanced Energy Solutions and a new college-wide undergraduate concentration on the timely topic of energy. One student notes that when Professor Wooldridge brought real-world concerns about energy design into her classroom, she “inspired me to consider furthering my engineering education past a bachelor’s degree, and join the efforts to preserve the world for tomorrow.” A colleague admires Professor Wooldridge’s ability to act as an “understanding counselor” who motivates her students to achieve their highest potential through “her very close involvement in directing research conducted by undergraduate students, and even publishing papers in journals with them.” Professor Wooldridge is also dedicated to promoting diversity in mechanical engineering, through one-on-one mentoring, the creation of an inclusive classroom environment, and the use of distance learning tools. Several students comment on her commitment to diversity, referring to Professor Wooldridge as “an outstanding role model for women in the field of engineering” and “an inspiration to me and many of my fellow women in the engineering community.” Professor Wooldridge’s influence extends beyond the University of Michigan thanks to her outreach activities. These include hosting the Society of Women Engineers Summer Engineering Exploration Camp for high school students and visiting each of the sixth grade science courses at Ann Arbor’s Tappan Middle School to introduce a design contest that would expose students to engineering.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

February 2009
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

Mary L. Trepanier-Street

Associate Dean, School of Education, and Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education

Associate Dean, School of Education

One Year

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Education along with the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs recommend the reappointment of Mary L. Trepanier-Street as associate dean, School of Education, for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Professor Trepanier-Street received her B.A. in child development, elementary education at Marygrove College in 1971 and her M.Ed. in educational psychology at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1972. In 1978 she earned her Ed.D. in development, learning and instruction at the University of Rochester in New York. Professor Trepanier-Street was hired by the School of Education in 1977 as an instructor, becoming assistant professor in 1978, associate professor, with tenure, in 1983, and professor, with tenure, in 1990.

Professor Trepanier-Street has distinguished herself as a teacher, administrator, and researcher. In her years at the University, she has been acting coordinator of student teaching and field placement, M.A. in education program coordinator, acting associate dean, and chair of the School of Education State Accreditation Committee. She has been director and program coordinator for the School of Education’s Child Development Center (now the Early Childhood Education Center) since 1995, engaging her students in the methods of Jean Piaget and Reggio Emilia. Professor Trepanier-Street has numerous publications in the areas of early childhood teacher preparation, gender differences in young children, and college students mentoring young at-risk children. Further research interests include memory and cognition, young children and their attitudes towards those with special needs, and the effect of focused programs in early literacy.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Mary L. Trepanier-Street as associate dean, School of Education, for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn
February 2009
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kathleen L. Woehrle

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Social Work, with tenure, School of Education and Human Services

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Social Work, recommend the appointment of Kathleen L. Woehrle as chair, Department of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

Professor Woehrle received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State University in 1986 and 1989, respectively, and her M.S.W. degree and Ph.D. from the Ohio State University in 1995 and 1996, respectively. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 1995 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2000.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Woehrle has served as the author of the Council on Social Work Education Accreditation Report and the restoration report for the Department of Social Work. At the school level, she has served on the Executive Committee, General Education Ad-Hoc Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. Professor Woehrle served as the senior faculty advisor to the chancellor during 2006-07, and at the university level served on the Budget Priorities Committee and was the chair of the Committee on Accreditation, Assessment and Strategic Planning from 2002-2003.

Professor Woehrle will be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kathleen L. Woehrle as chair, Department of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susanne Chandler, Dean
School of Education and Human Services

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Jack Kel, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Ruth J. Person, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

February 2009
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
SUBJECT: David M. French Professorships

ACTION REQUEST: Approve the recommendation to extend the appointment period for David M. French Professorships through the period of the appointee’s active service on the faculty and that the title be retained through retirement at the University of Michigan-Flint.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2008

Background

In June, 1977, the University of Michigan Regents established the David M. French Professorships to recognize and reward faculty who attain national or international recognition for continuous scholarly achievement, teaching excellence, and recognized breadth of interest. Biennially, a tenured professor earns this honor along with a $6,000 stipend paid over two years based on being nominated by colleagues and being awarded through a selection process from all those that were nominated in a given year.

When the French Professorships were established in 1977, the intent was to show tribute to its founder David Marvin French, the University of Michigan-Flint’s first dean and head of University of Michigan’s first regional campus. During Dean French’s tenure, he maintained the high standards of quality long associated with the University of Michigan and has since been recognized and remembered as a distinguished educator and administrator who has been an inspiration to students and faculty alike. The professors who have been awarded this high honor, the highest faculty award for the University of Michigan-Flint, have exemplified these same qualities.

We seek the extended appointment period for our current awardees of the French Professorship and for all future recipients for the following reasons:

Because the French Professorship is awarded to honor professors who have attained national or international recognition for continuous scholarly achievement, teaching excellence, and recognized breadth of interest, this is in essence a recognition of a life’s work. French Professors set an example for their colleagues not just during a two-year period but also for their entire careers.

By extending the appointment period and making the honor a permanent appointment, we would encourage fellowship among French Professors and, in general, underscore our enhancement of scholarly achievement, teaching excellence, and service.

An appointment extension of the French Professorships would not only provide a sense of leadership among our emeriti faculty, but would also underscore our commitment to academic excellence in the City of Flint and surrounding area.

If approved, this change would allow current awardees to be recognized as David M. French Professors at any given time through and including attainment of their emeriti/emeritae titles. The stipend timeline, however, would remain the same with recipients receiving $3,000 per year for a two-year period. If approved, the French designation will be added to the title of all active former French Professors.
Recommendation

We recommend that the appointment of the David M. French Professorships be extended through the period of the appointee’s active service on the faculty and that the title be retained through retirement at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Recommended by:

Jack Kay, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by:

Ruth J. Penson, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

February 2009
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Committee Appointments
Subject: Committee Appointments

Action Requested: Approval of Appointments to the Following Committees

Medical School Executive Committee

Isaac R. Francis, retroactive two-year and 10 month term, November 6, 2008 through August 31, 2011, vice Robert F. Todd, resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

February 2009