SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
March 2012

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS

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

   (1) Sawalha, Amr H., M.D., associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective April 1, 2012.

   (2) Simma, Bruno E., professor of law, with tenure, Law School, effective September 1, 2012.

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

   (1) McCauley, Laurie K., William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017 (also professor of dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry, and professor of pathology, without tenure, Medical School.)

   (2) Villarruel, Antonia M., Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017 (also associate dean for research and global affairs, professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, and professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, School of Public Health.)

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

   (1) Armstrong, Elizabeth A., associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017 (also associate professor of sociology, with tenure, and associate professor of organizational studies, with tenure.)

   (2) Little, Ann A., M.D., James W. Albers Collegiate Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016 (also clinical assistant professor.)

   (3) Miranda, Marie Lynn, Ph.D., professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 (also dean, and professor of natural resources, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment.)

   (4) Owyang, Chung, M.D., H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, and professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure.)
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS

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

(5) Randolph, Jr., John F., professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2012 (also professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure, Medical School.)

(6) Sweeney, Megan L., associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017 (also associate professor of English language and literature, with tenure, and associate professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure.)

(7) Xu, X.Z. Shawn, Ph.D., Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016 (also associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure.)

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

(1) Approval to name an existing Collegiate Professorship as the Ada Sue Hinshaw Collegiate Professorship in Nursing, School of Nursing, effective April 1, 2012.

(2) Approval to establish a Collegiate Professorship as the Robert Oneal Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012.

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

(1) Approval to establish a new professional administrative position as assistant dean for academic programs, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2012.

(2) Approval to establish a new professional administrative position as assistant vice president for medical development, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

(3) Approval to establish a new professional administrative position as associate vice president for information strategy and resources and chief information officer, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

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


(7) Correction to the effective date for Mistretta, Charlotte M., associate dean for research, School of Dentistry, effective January 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 (currently associate dean for research, effective March 1, 2012, also William R. Mann Professor of Dentistry, and professor of dentistry, with tenure.)

(8) Oh, Su Ho, T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

DEARBORN CAMPUS

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

(1) Approval to establish a Collegiate Professorship as the Frances Reissman Cousens Professorship, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2012.

(2) Approval to establish a Collegiate Professorship as the Michael Foran Collegiate Professorship in Business, College of Business, effective September 1, 2012.

(3) Approval to establish a Collegiate Professorship as the Rosalyn Saltz Collegiate Professorship in Education, School of Education, effective September 1, 2012.

(4) Approval to establish a Collegiate Professorship as the Paul K. Trojan Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2012.
Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
On the recommendation of John M. Carethers, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and 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 Amr H. Sawalha, M.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective April 1, 2012.

Academic Degrees:
Dr. Sawalha received his M.D. degree from Jordan University of Science and Technology in 1998.

Professional Record:
Dr. Sawalha completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Oklahoma from 2000-2003 and subsequently completed a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Michigan from 2003-2005. He was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma in 2005 and was promoted to associate professor in 2010. He was granted tenure at that institution in 2011.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Sawalha’s research focuses on the genetics and epigenetics of autoimmune diseases and susceptibility. He is the principal investigator for a Lupus Research Institute grant, an American College of Rheumatology grant, a Vasculitis Foundation grant, and a College of Medicine Alumni Association grant. He has been invited to speak at several national and international venues. Dr. Sawalha has published 55 articles, and has one patent pending. He has received the American College of Rheumatology Fellow Award in recognition of his research contributions and has been selected as an exchange scholar by that organization in conjunction with the European League of Rheumatism. Dr. Sawalha also received the American College of Rheumatology Research and Education Foundation Rheumatology Investigator Award in 2010.

Recent and Significant Publications


Dr. Sawalha is a gifted educator in the classroom, the laboratory, and in the clinical setting. He has taught second- and third-year medical students and pathology graduate students didactically as well as in inpatient and outpatient settings. He has also been a mentor to medical students, fellows, and residents in genetic research in his laboratory. His teaching skills have been recognized by the Thomas D. Palella Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Rheumatology Fellow at the University of Michigan.

**External Reviewers:**

**Reviewer A:** "There is no question based on Dr. Sawalha’s scientific contributions, continuing research funding, service to the university, and teaching records that he is highly qualified for the rank of Associate Professor in our institution as well as many other outstanding public universities in the US."

**Reviewer B:** "He has worked on a national and international level in a collaborative role as team member and also as lead investigator and senior investigator on a number of major studies of genetic susceptibility and epigenetic factors important in conferring disease risk and governing disease expression in these diseases....This line of research has led to important breakthroughs in our understanding in the mechanisms of disease pathogenesis."

**Reviewer C:** "In addition to his nationally and internationally recognized scholarship in lupus research, he has been an avid teacher and clinician. I consider him a very gifted and productive investigator who would be qualified for a tenured academic position at our institution. I also consider him as a role model of [an] academic physician..."
Reviewer D: “Dr. Sawalha has an impressive trajectory with regard to his published work, suggesting that over the next 10 years he will make major contributions to the field of genetics and autoimmunity.”

Reviewer E: “His work is being published in top tier specialty journals, which speaks to the quality and importance of his research. He also has trained a number of post-doctoral fellows, residents, and students in his laboratory. Effective mentoring also bodes well for his future success.”

Dr. Sawalha has demonstrated superb clinical skills and dedication as a member of the rheumatology faculty at the University of Oklahoma. He has played a key role in planning events in his specialty. He serves on the editorial board for *The Open Autoimmunity Journal*, the *Journal of Clinical and Cellular Immunology*, and *PLoS One*. He has also been an ad hoc grant reviewer for ten foundations and institutes and is a member of the Medical Scientific Advisory Council of the Lupus Foundation of America.

**Summary of Recommendation:**
Dr. Sawalha is a highly productive and influential researcher with high impact publications and substantial grant support. The Department of Internal Medicine is pleased to have the opportunity to bring back to the University of Michigan one of their most accomplished trainees. Dr. Sawalha’s expertise will complement our other strengths in lupus research while adding a new dimension in vasculitis research. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Amr H. Sawalha, M.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective April 1, 2012.

**Recommended by:**

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

**Recommendation endorsed by:**

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Bruno E. Simma

TITLE: Professor of Law, Law School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2012

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Bruno E. Simma as professor of law, with tenure, Law School, effective September 1, 2012.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Bruno E. Simma received a Doctorate of Law from the University of Innsbruck, Austria in 1966 and a Doctorate honoris causa from the University of Macerate in Italy in 2006.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Simma practiced at the Bar in Innsbruck in 1967. From 1967-1972, Professor Simma was an assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Innsbruck. From 1973-2004, he was a professor of international law and European community law, director of the Institute of International Law at the University of Munich, dean of the Munich Faculty of Law from 1995-1997, and a member of the United Nations International Law Commission from 1992-2002. He has held several visiting professorships, including one since 1986 at the University of Michigan Law School. He recently completed a nine-year term as judge at the International Court of Justice in Munich, Germany.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Simma is an international law scholar and jurist of extraordinary distinction. As a scholar, he is generally reputed to be one of the top ten scholars of public international law in the world today. He has written some of the seminal articles about United Nations law and practice, international arbitration, international criminal law, and human rights law. As a jurist, he has served on three significant judicial bodies: the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (panel of human rights experts); the International Law Commission (the UN’s chief body of experts for international law); and the International Court of Justice (the UN’s chief judicial arm). This combination of outstanding scholarship and wonderful service gives Professor Simma a unique perspective and expertise on international law issues today.

PUBLICATIONS


“University of International Law from the Perspective of a Practitioner,” European Journal of International Law, Vol. 20, 2009

“Genocide and the International Court of Justice,” The Genocide Convention at Age Sixty (C. Safferling ed.), 2009


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
“Judge Simma is among the most respected senior public international lawyers in the world... He has made enduring and significant contributions to a wide number of sub-specialties in the field. He is rightly regarded as among the world’s leading scholars in UN law, legal theory and jurisprudence, arbitration law, international criminal law, and human rights law... should Simma be appointed a member of the Michigan law faculty, the law school will be securing one of the most sought-after legal minds in the world. I envy your opportunity.”

Reviewer (B)
“Bruno Simma is certainly one of the most influential and innovate scholars in the panorama of international law in Europe of the past fifty years... B. Simma has provided one of the most rigorous example of scholarship aimed at ascertaining the precise relation of human right to international law and to assess the impact that the fundamental idea of human rights has made on international law.”

Reviewer (C)
“I consider Judge Simma one of the half-dozen giants in my field. His commentary on the Charter of the United Nations, while not a solo product, is a project for which he deserves principal recognition. It is a magisterial work frequently cited and widely regarded as definitive. The University of Michigan, or, for that matter, any top-tier law school would be immensely fortunate to secure Judge Simma’s long-term participation in its teaching and research.”

Reviewer (D)
“Simma is a towering figure in international law. His scholarship commands respect throughout the world. From his earliest work, as a young professor in Austria, to his more mature work, from his base at the University of Munich, to his election to the International Court at The Hague, from where he has continued to write, Simma has produced a corpus of work which is truly marvelous for its breadth, originality and quality... Simma is unique among international law scholars in that he has continued to be a productive scholar while serving in important institutional positions, from the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, to the International Law Commission and finally to the International Court of Justice. The realities imposed by each of these roles have enriched his perspective, but never extinguished his idealism.”

Reviewer (E)
“You should understand that there is no Law faculty or Law School in the world which would not consider such an appointment a considerable ‘coup’ – a wonderful addition to any first class institution. Not only because of his judicial function and practical experience, Simma is considered a major intellectual force. His experience is breathtaking... His stature in the field, in short, is second to none.”
Reviewer (F)
"Bruno is one of the top handful of scholars in this area world-wide... Bruno’s scholarly style is distinctly positivist, which in this context means that he is primarily concerned with the interpretation, construction, and development of legal doctrine. He is often called an ‘enlightened’ positivist, meaning that he goes well beyond formalist interpretation of doctrine by drawing productively on a deep understanding of historical developments in international law, an astute perception of the politics of international relations and the goals of international legal policy, as well as a hard-nosed assessment of the realities of state compliance."

Reviewer (G)
"Bruno is among the most influential and distinguished scholars of international law in the world today, ... His breadth of scholarship is stunning, and it is hard to imagine there is any functional area – whether human rights, international institutions, the use of force, trade, or international environmental law – where Bruno would not (or does not already) have something original and important to add.”

Reviewer (H)
“Bruno’s stature in his field, the non-American perspective he brings to international law, his extensive scholarship, and his connections with important players and institutions all over the world will be of enormous benefit to the Law School and especially to our students. Bruno’s stature in his primary field is plainly second to none.”

SUMMARY

Professor Simma is a world-renowned scholar and jurist with unparalleled experience and expertise in public international law. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Bruno E. Simma as professor of law, with tenure, Law School, effective September 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Evan H. Caminker, Dean and Branch Rickey Collegiate Professor
Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**  
**REGENTS COMMUNICATION**  

**ACTION REQUEST:** Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship  

**NAME:** Laurie K. McCauley  

**CURRENT TITLES:** William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor of Periodontics, Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry, and Professor of Pathology, without tenure, Medical School  

**TITLE BEING RENEWED:** William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry  

**TERM:** Five Years, Renewable  

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017  

The Dean and Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Laurie K. McCauley as the William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017.

Dr. William K. Najjar practiced dentistry in Grand Rapids, Michigan after his 1955 graduation from the School of Dentistry with a DDS degree. Shortly after that time, Dr. Najjar began the Janar Corporation which dealt in dental materials. As a result of the success and subsequent sale of Janar Corporation to Johnson & Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Najjar made a pledge to the School of Dentistry to establish this endowed professorship.

Professor McCauley received her DDS (1985), MS (1988) and PhD (1991) degrees from Ohio State University. She obtained diplomate status from the American Academy of Periodontology in 1992.

Professor McCauley joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of dentistry in 1992, was promoted to associate professor of dentistry, with tenure, in 1996, and to professor of dentistry in 2001. As a result of her teaching and collaborative research projects with others in the Department of Pathology, she was appointed as associate professor of pathology, without tenure, in 2002, and promoted to professor of pathology, without tenure, in 2009, in the Medical School.

Since March of 2002, Professor McCauley has served as chair of the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine (formerly Periodontics, Prevention and Geriatrics) in the School of Dentistry.
Professor McCauley has a strong research program in the area of connective tissue biology with specific emphasis on the role parathyroid hormone-related protein and protein receptors play in the regulation of cell differentiation and function. Her current research areas are hormonal controls of bone remodeling, anabolic actions of parathyroid hormone (PTH), parathyroid hormone-related protein (PTHrP) and their dependence on the PTH-1 receptor and AP-1 transcription factors to evoke their anabolic actions, impact and therapeutic potential of PTH in craniofacial osseous wound healing, the role of PTHrP and the bone marrow microenvironment in the pathophysiology associated with skeletal metastasis, and the interactions of hematopoietic cells and PTH/PTHrP actions in the bone microenvironment. She has authored or co-authored 112 articles published in refereed journals and has made numerous presentations at research or professional meetings, as well as several continuing dental education programs. Professor McCauley has served as mentor to a significant number of post-doctoral fellows and undergraduate, dental and graduate students. At present she is the principal investigator on one R01 research grant and is co-investigator on several other grants with extramural and intramural funding.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Laurie K. McCauley as the William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017.

Recommended by:

Peter J. Paterini, DDS, DMSc
Dean, School of Dentistry

James O. Woolliscroft, MD
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Philip J. Hanlon, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
**ACTION REQUEST:**  Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

**NAME:**  Antonia M. Villarruel

**CURRENT TITLES:**  Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, Associate Dean for Research and Global Affairs, Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, and Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, without tenure, School of Public Health

**TITLE BEING RENEWED:**  Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

**TERM:**  Five Years, Renewable

**EFFECTIVE DATES:**  April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Antonia M. Villarruel as the Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017.

Nola J. Pender was a professor of nursing from 1990-2002 and is one of the most prominent figures in nursing research. The Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professorship in Nursing was established by the Regents in March 2007. A stipend funded from the School of Nursing resources accompanies this professorship.

Professor Villarruel received a BSN in 1978 from Nazareth College, a MSN in 1982 from the University of Pennsylvania, and a PhD in nursing in 1993 from Wayne State University.

Professor Villarruel joined the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Nursing in 2000 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2005. She was first named the Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing in 2007. Professor Villarruel was later appointed as the associate dean for research and global affairs in 2009. She has held an appointment as a professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, in the School of Public Health since 2009.

Professor Villarruel has sustained an unequivocal record of excellence in teaching as well as scholarly eminence in health promotion and risk reduction theories, interventions and practice, health disparities research, and research with children and adolescents. She has been a member of five dissertation committees at the University of Michigan, three of which acting as chair.
While at the University of Michigan, Professor Villarruel has also provided research advisement for five post-doctoral students. Utilizing a community participatory approach, Professor Villarruel has been the principle investigator and co-investigator of several NIH and CDC funded studies. She enjoys an outstanding reputation among peers in the U.S. and abroad, and a reputation for scholarly leadership.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Antonia M. Villarruel as the Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Kathleen Potempa  
Dean, School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Kathleen Potempa  
Dean, School of Nursing

March 2012
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic administrative staff
Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

Elizabeth A. Armstrong

Associate Professor of Sociology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Organizational Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Associate Professor of Women’s Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Five Years, Renewable

September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Department of Women’s Studies, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Women’s Studies, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Elizabeth A. Armstrong as associate professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.

Elizabeth Armstrong received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1988. At the University of California, Berkeley, she earned a Master of Arts in 1990 and Doctorate in 1998. In 2000, Professor Armstrong began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Indiana University and was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 2007. She was a Suzanne Young Murray Fellow at Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study in 2007-2008 and joined our faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor of sociology and organizational studies in 2009.

Professor Armstrong is a diverse scholar whose research covers fields of gender and sexuality, social movements, and organizational studies. She is also a capable teacher committed to student training and has supervised more than two dozen undergraduate research interns as well as a steady flow of graduate students. Her research and teaching interests will mesh well with the department of women’s studies mission.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Elizabeth A. Armstrong as associate professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Terence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

March 2012
On the recommendation of David J. Fink, M.D., the Robert Brear Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ann A. Little, M.D. as the James W. Albers Collegiate Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

The James W. Albers Collegiate Professorship in Neurology was established in 2012. It is intended to support a neurology faculty member who aspires to the highest standards of patient care, research and education in the field of neurological disease, as was exemplified by Dr. Albers. Dr. Albers served on the faculty at the University of Michigan Medical School from 1965-2009.

Ann A. Little received her M.D. from the University of Michigan, where she was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology here and joined the faculty in 2006 as a clinical lecturer. She was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 2007.

Dr. Little is a neuromuscular clinician who sees patients in the general neurology and subspecialty clinics and performs electrodiagnostic studies and skin and muscle biopsies for diagnosis of diseases of nerve and muscle. She also staffs the intraoperative monitoring service and attends on the inpatient neurology service eight weeks each year. Dr. Little teaches medical students, neurology residents and neuromuscular fellows.

Dr. Little serves as director of the Taubman Neurology Clinic, where she interfaces with nursing, clerical and triage staff to facilitate institutional regulatory compliance and an environment conducive to improving patient satisfaction. She is also an associate director of the Peripheral Neuropathy Center; her primary goal is to encourage research and education about peripheral
neuropathies. Dr. Little’s research focuses on electrodagnosis of neuromuscular disease and the evaluation of symptomatic and therapeutic treatments of neuropathy.

Dr. Little is an exceptional clinician-educator who exemplifies the qualities that are befitting this professorship. Her continuing educational and clinical activities will honor Dr. Albers and our institution. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Ann A. Little, M.D. as the James W. Albers Collegiate Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Marie Lynn Miranda, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Dean, and Professor of Natural Resources, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2012

On the recommendation of Valerie P. Castle, M.D., the Ravitz Foundation Professor, and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Marie Lynn Miranda, Ph.D. as professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012.

Dr. Miranda received both her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Harvard University in 1988 and 1990, respectively. In 2011, she was recruited to the University of Michigan to serve as the dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment. Prior to her recruitment, Dr. Miranda was a faculty member at the Nicholas School of the Environment, the Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health Program and the Global Health Institute at Duke University. While at Duke, Dr. Miranda also held a joint appointment in the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Miranda has devoted much of her career to research directed toward improving the health status of disadvantaged populations, particularly children. She is the founding director of the Children’s Environmental Health Initiative (CEHI), a research, education, and outreach program that fosters environments where all children can prosper. CEHI’s peer-reviewed work is cited widely, including in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s current integrated science assessment on revisions to the national ambient air quality standard for lead. CEHI also works closely with a wide range of organizations and non-profits in addressing children’s environmental health issues in the community.
Dr. Miranda is a champion for children’s health and a national leader in the development of health policy. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Marie Lynn Miranda, Ph.D. as professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Chung Owyang, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastroenterology, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Internal Medicine, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Chung Owyang, M.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

The H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Internal Medicine was established in 2005 through funding generated from the initial H. Marvin Pollard endowment in association with the 1993 Shirley M. McLaughlin Trust. Dr. Pollard was nationally recognized for his contributions to pancreatic cancer, and served as chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Michigan from 1940-1972.

Dr. Owyang joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1978, and rose through the ranks to his current title of professor in 1988. He is a highly innovative and productive investigator, an effective administrator and a skillful clinician. Under his leadership as chief of the Division of Gastroenterology, the Division has grown remarkably and is now widely regarded as one of the best in the country.

Dr. Owyang has a strong national and international presence as is evidenced by his numerous invited talks, and over 180 peer-reviewed publications. He has authored many book chapters and sits on nine editorial boards. Dr. Owyang's current research provides promising targets for new strategies to combat obesity and diabetes, and has yielded funding from the NIH and the Digestive Disease Core Center. Additionally, he has a successful record for mentoring multiple fellows and junior faculty, who have obtained numerous career development awards. In 2011, Dr. Owyang received the American Gastroenterological Association Distinguished Mentor Award, which recognizes his achievements as an outstanding mentor over a life-long career.
Dr. Owyang’s distinguished career highlights his success in the field of gastroenterology, which makes him well-suited for this professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Chung Owyang, M.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

Recommended by:

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

March 2012

Recommendation endorsed by:

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

for Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
On the recommendation of the Dean and Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of John F. Randolph, Jr., M.D. as professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2012.

Dr. Randolph received his B.A. degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1976 and his M.D. degree in 1980, from the University of Cincinnati. He completed a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Connecticut Health Center in 1986. Dr. Randolph joined the University of Michigan Medical School, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty in 1986 as an instructor, was appointed as an assistant professor in 1988, promoted to associate professor in 1992, and to professor in 2003.

Dr. Randolph has a distinguished background in reproductive health research, teaching, and practice. He has been an integral part of the development of the long-standing Study of Women Across the Nation (SWAN) study for over a decade. The primary reason for this proposed joint appointment is to formalize the ability of Dr. Randolph to train our master’s and Ph.D. students in the area of women’s health research and to conduct women’s health research within the Department of Epidemiology, including submitting grants to continue SWAN and other ancillary studies (e.g., the Michigan Bone Health Study). The appointment will allow us to fill the faculty gaps in women’s health training and research left by MaryFran Sowers’ passing. We have also asked Dr. Randolph to be co-director of the Center for Integrative Approaches to Complex Diseases which is housed in the Department of Epidemiology.

The joint appointment will facilitate closer collaboration with our faculty and mentoring of our students. Given Dr. Randolph’s expertise and leadership in women’s health research, he will...
provide unique perspectives to students working in this area. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of John F. Randolph Jr., M.D. as professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Martin A. Philbert, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

[Signature]
James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

March 2012

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

[Signature]
Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Megan L. Sweeney

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Women’s Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Department of Women’s Studies, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Women’s Studies, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Megan L. Sweeney as associate professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.

Megan Sweeney received her Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University in 1989. She earned a Master of Arts in 1997 from the Pennsylvania State University and a Doctorate in 2002 from Duke University. Following an appointment as an adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University (2002-2004), she was appointed to the tenure track at the University of Michigan in 2004 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2010.

Professor Sweeney’s work on literature and reading among women prisoners establishes her as a major contributor to an established interdisciplinary feminist conversation on gender and incarceration in the United States. Her repertoire of undergraduate and graduate courses address issues of race, gender, identity, and justice in a wide range of literary and cultural contexts, emphasizing encounters with diversities of viewpoint, background, and personal experience. She is active in the mentoring of women’s studies students and her teaching and research interests will mesh well with the department.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Megan Sweeney as associate professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Terrece J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: X.Z. Shawn Xu, Ph.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016

On the recommendation of Alan R. Saltiel, Ph.D., the John Jacob Abel Collegiate Professor, and the Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of X.Z. Shawn Xu, Ph.D. as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

The Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences was established in 2012 to honor Bernard W. Agranoff, M.D., who was a professor of biochemistry at the University of Michigan from 1960-2003. Dr. Agranoff co-authored the book Basic Neurochemistry, which is considered to be the authoritative treatise on neurochemistry.

Dr. Xu received his Ph.D. in biochemistry in 2000 from Johns Hopkins University. He completed post-doctoral training at the California Institute of Technology in 2005. Dr. Xu joined the faculty at the University of Michigan that same year as an assistant professor in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and as a research assistant professor in the Life Sciences Institute. He was promoted to associate professor in Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and research associate professor in the Life Sciences Institute in 2010.

Dr. Xu’s research interests focus on sensory transduction and its regulation by receptors and ion channels. He also concentrates on neural circuits and genes that control behavior and drug dependence. Dr. Xu’s research has been funded by the NIH, and the Pew Charitable Trusts program in biomedical sciences. He has published 26 articles and is internationally recognized for his research, which is evidenced by invitations to present at national and international venues, including China and Spain.
Dr. Xu has received numerous honors for his research, including the Young Investigator Award from the Chinese Biological Investigators Society, and the Basic Science Research Award from the University of Michigan. He was a Pew Scholar in 2007, and a Sloan Research Fellow in 2006. Dr. Xu serves as a reviewer for several scientific journals, and is a grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health, the Israel Science Foundation, the Canada Research Chairs Program and the National Science Foundation of China.

Dr. Xu is a talented scientist who is continuing to build an outstanding academic career. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of X. Z. Shawn Xu, Ph.D. as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Ada Sue Hinshaw Collegiate Professorship in Nursing, School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2012

The School of Nursing seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship for Ada Sue Hinshaw, who was a dean within the School of Nursing and a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1994 until her retirement in 2008. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Professor Hinshaw received her B.S. degree from the University of Kansas in 1961, her M.S.N. degree from Yale University in 1963, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Arizona in 1973 and 1975, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1994 as dean of the School of Nursing and professor of nursing.

Throughout her career, Professor Hinshaw conducted nursing research focusing on quality care, patient outcomes, measurement of such outcomes, and building positive work environments for nurses while ensuring patient safety. She gave hundreds of presentations and her findings were widely published in numerous articles and books.

Professor Hinshaw received many awards including the Midwest Nursing Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award; the Health Leader of the Year Award from the United States Public Health Service; the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Nursing Research from Sigma Theta Tau; and an honorary Fellowship for Public Policy Award from the New York Academy of Medicine. In addition, she was the recipient of 13 honorary doctoral degrees. Professor Hinshaw was involved in many professional organizations.

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: Kathleen Potempa
DEAN, SCHOOL OF NURSING

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Philip J. Hanlon
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Robert Oneal Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2012

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor, and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Robert Oneal Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012.

This collegiate professorship is being established through gifts, pledges and funds from the Section of Plastic Surgery. It will support the discipline of plastic surgery with a focus on research, clinical application and teaching within the Department of Surgery, Section of Plastic Surgery. The holder of this chair will be a tenured faculty member of the Department of Surgery, Section of Plastic Surgery. The appointment period for the Robert Oneal Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery may be up to five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

Robert Oneal received his M.D. from Harvard in 1957. He completed an internship and residency at the University of Michigan, and joined the faculty here as a research associate in the Department of Surgery in 1960. Dr. Oneal rose through the ranks to clinical professor in 1985. Throughout his distinguished career, he was respected nationally for his teaching leadership in the techniques of facial rejuvenation. As a faculty member at national medical symposia, Dr. Oneal instructed other physicians in advanced techniques in facial and body cosmetic surgery and in corrective nasal surgery.

Dr. Oneal published numerous papers in scientific journals, authored chapters in medical texts, and has lectured nationally and internationally to professional and lay audiences. He is known as a dedicated teacher, and has devoted more than forty years to the mentoring and training of residents in plastic surgery at the University of Michigan. Dr. Oneal’s extensive medical knowledge and profound humanity have provided a model for all who have trained with him.
This professorship is intended to recognize the achievements of Dr. Oneal, and continue his legacy of teaching, clinical care and research in the area of plastic surgery. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Robert Oneal Collegiate Professorship in Plastic Surgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2012.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected
academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Establish a New Professional Administrative Position

PROPOSED NAME: Assistant Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request approval to establish the position of assistant dean for academic programs, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2012.

After careful consideration of the College’s evolving needs and responsibilities, this position has been designed to work closely with the associate dean for undergraduate education (ADUE) to assure the delivery of a curriculum that addresses the College-wide educational objectives to prepare our students for the careers of the 21st century. The assistant dean’s role will be to advise and collaborate with the ADUE to problem solve, design, implement and evaluate solutions and actions related to our educational objectives. These activities involve the participation in, and sometimes leadership of, multidisciplinary (College-wide or University-wide) teams to design educational initiatives of the College, oversight of curriculum delivery, and participation in educational and technical research to maintain currency in the latest findings and best practices associated with engineering education. It is the responsibility of the assistant dean to have a thorough understanding of the undergraduate curricula of the College and the programs, both in place and planned, designed to support the College’s educational goals.

We are pleased to request approval to establish the position of assistant dean for academic programs, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

Philip J. Hanlon
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

March 2012
I am pleased to request approval for the establishment of the assistant vice president for medical development, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

The assistant vice president for medical development will work closely with the associate vice president for medical development and alumni relations, who is the chief advancement officer for the health system. The assistant vice president is responsible for coordinating the work of the development officers for both the University of Michigan Health System development strategic priority areas as well as the department and center development officers within the health system. This individual will work with the medical department chairs and center/institute directors to ensure progress on mutually established goals.

The assistant vice president will be responsible for approximately 60 staff and will have direct supervision for at least twelve development directors. The assistant vice president will report to the associate vice president for medical development and alumni relations, University of Michigan Health System.

I am pleased to request approval for the establishment of the assistant vice president for medical development, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Establish a New Professional Administrative Position

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Vice President for Information Strategy and Resources and Chief Information Officer, University of Michigan Health System

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2012

I am pleased to request approval for the establishment of the associate vice president for information strategy and resources and chief information officer, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

The primary reporting relationship will be to the executive vice president for medical affairs and chief executive officer of UMHS, working closely with the CEO of the Hospitals and Health Centers (HHC), the dean of the Medical School, and the associate vice president and CIO of the University of Michigan. Examples of key reports will be the deputy CIOs of the HHC, Medical School, and the Cancer Center and the Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO).

Important strategic partners will be the Medical School Office of Research, Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR), the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, and the School of Information/School of Public Health Informatics Program.

The associate vice president will be responsible for the development and implementation of a strategic information and communication technology plan for the Health System, ensuring linkage and alignment of the requirements across all three components of the health system tri-partite mission - clinical service, research and education - and for the administrative systems that support the mission. The scope of the position will span health care delivery; basic, translational, and clinical research; health services and outcomes research; and education on a lifelong continuum.

I am pleased to request approval for the establishment of the associate vice president and chief information officer, University of Michigan Health System, effective April 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Ricky Ini Liu

RECOMMENDED TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ricky Ini Liu as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

The T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships are awarded in honor of T.H. Hildebrandt, who long served the Department of Mathematics as professor and chair, and whose work brought much distinction upon the University. Individuals named as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor are given a reduced teaching load to allow them to concentrate to a greater degree on their research. In nominating mathematicians for the T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships, preference is given to those candidates whose doctorate was received within the last two years.

Ricky Ini Liu received his AB in mathematics, with honors, in 2006 from Harvard University, and his PhD in mathematics in 2011 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was awarded a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship (2007-2010). His areas of research include algebraic combinatorics, connections to geometry, and representation theory.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ricky Ini Liu as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

March 2012

Recommendation endorsed by:

for Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Seth Marvel

RECOMMENDED TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Seth Marvel as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

The T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships are awarded in honor of T.H. Hildebrandt, who long served the Department of Mathematics as professor and chair, and whose work brought much distinction to the University. Individuals named as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor are given a reduced teaching load to allow them to concentrate to a greater degree on their research. In nominating mathematicians for the T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships, preference is given to those candidates whose doctorate was received within the last two years.

Seth Marvel received his BS in chemical physics and his BA in mathematics, with honors, in 2005, from Rice University, and his PhD in applied mathematics in 2011 from Cornell University. His research areas include applied mathematics and differential equations. He has submitted five articles and has one in preparation.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Seth Marvel as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

March 2012

Recommendation endorsed by:

Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Karola Mészáros

RECOMMENDED TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Karola Mészáros as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

The T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships are awarded in honor of T.H. Hildebrandt, who long served the Department of Mathematics as professor and chair, and whose work brought much distinction upon the University. Individuals named as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor are given a reduced teaching load to allow them to concentrate to a greater degree on their research. In nominating mathematicians for the T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships, preference is given to those candidates whose doctorate was received within the last two years.

Karola Mészáros received her BS in mathematics, with honors, in 2005, and her PhD in mathematics in 2010 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research interests include algebraic combinatorics, and she has published eight articles.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Karola Mészáros as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

March 2012

Recommendation endorsed by:

Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 15, 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Correction to Effective Date

NAME: Charlotte M. Mistretta

In the February 2012 Regents Communication we requested that Charlotte M. Mistretta be appointed as William R. Mann Professor of Dentistry, Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, and Associate Dean for Research, School of Dentistry effective March 1, 2012. However the effective date was not correct. The correction follows.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012

Please accept this correction to Charlotte M. Mistretta’s appointment information.

Recommended by: 

Peter J. Holven, DDS, DMSc
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Philip J. Hanlon, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Su Ho Oh

RECOMMENDED TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Su Ho Oh as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

The T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships are awarded in honor of T.H. Hildebrandt, who long served the Department of Mathematics as professor and chair, and whose work brought much distinction upon the University. Individuals named as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor are given a reduced teaching load to allow them to concentrate to a greater degree on their research. In nominating mathematicians for the T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships, preference is given to those candidates whose doctorate was received within the last two years.

Su Ho Oh received his BA in mathematics, with honors, in 2004 from the Korea Advance Institute of Science and Technology, and his PhD in mathematics in 2011 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research interest is in the area of combinatorics and its relationship with algebra, geometry and representation theory. He has published eight articles and has two in preparation.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Su Ho Oh as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a non-renewable term, effective March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2014.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

March 2012
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Frances Reissman Cousens Professorship, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2012

With the approval of the Executive Committee and Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Frances Reissman Cousens Professorship, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2012.

Professor Cousens was a valued member of the intellectual community on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus from 1969 until her retirement in 1980. She embodied both the highest traditions in the field of sociology and the University of Michigan-Dearborn’s commitment to community engagement and impact. She was a member of the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)/Wayne State University Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and published an important Equal Opportunity Employment Commission study of employment discrimination. She served as an expert witness in a seminal discrimination lawsuit involving discrimination and the Fair Housing Act (Zuch v. Hussey, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan). The case involved black and white plaintiffs in Northwest Detroit neighborhoods suing real estate agencies for racial discrimination and steering defendants toward some neighborhoods and away from others. Professor Cousens was a dedicated teacher and servant to the UM-Dearborn campus. Many of the courses she designed are still offered as part of the Sociology curriculum (e.g., Poverty and Inequality). Just prior to her retirement she worked tirelessly to develop a program making UM-Dearborn courses and programs accessible to senior citizens. Her outreach to Metropolitan Detroit included a commitment to lifelong learning that is still in place on campus.

To recognize Professor Cousens’ important contributions to scholarship, teaching, and community engagement we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Frances Reissman Cousens Collegiate Professorship, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2012.

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

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Michael Foran Collegiate Professorship in Business, College of Business, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2012

The College of Business seeks to establish a collegiate professorship in business in the name of Michael Foran, professor emeritus of accounting at the University of Michigan - Dearborn. A stipend, drawn from the College’s resources, will accompany this professorship.

It is fitting that a collegiate professorship be named in honor of Professor Michael Foran. Professor Foran has an outstanding record of serving his academic discipline, the professional and business communities, and the various universities that he has been affiliated with. His contributions to the accounting discipline and professional communities include his long list of publications in academic and practitioner journals including the premier accounting journal – *The Accounting Review*. Professor Foran is well known for his key co-author role in the book series - *GAAP: Interpretation and Application of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, which is considered a mandatory reference for both accounting students and practicing professional accountants. Professor Foran’s significant contributions to the professional and business communities are evidenced by his long tenures as the editor, president, director, and other leading officer of various professional accounting and finance associations including the American Accounting Association, Institute of Internal Auditors, and Financial Executives Institute throughout his career. The long history of Professor Foran’s service, including his great service to the country as a recognized commanding officer in the USNR Security Group, left an impact on communities both inside and outside the academic setting. In addition to being well liked and highly respected by his colleagues, his genuine concern for and positive influence on his students are also evidenced by the numerous teaching excellence awards received at various universities and professional organizations with the “Accounting Educator of the Year” award from the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants being a highlight of his achievements in this area.

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

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

March 2012
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Rosalyn Saltz Collegiate Professorship in Education, School of Education, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2012

The School of Education seeks to establish a collegiate professorship in the name of Rosalyn Saltz, who had a long and distinguished career at UM-Dearborn from 1970 until her retirement in 1996. A stipend, drawn from the School’s resources, will accompany this professorship.

It is fitting that a collegiate professorship be named in honor of Professor Rosalyn Saltz. Her invaluable contributions to the University have shaped the practice of the best early childhood educators and will inspire the current and future School of Education faculty for years to come.

As the first professor in the newly developed Early Childhood Education Program, Professor Saltz came with a vision that reflected not only the growing need for quality early childhood programs, but also a need to create a supportive environment where young women could bring their children while they pursued their college education. The campus child care center was successfully launched in 1971 and eventually grew in its original purpose to a dynamic child education research laboratory and teacher development facility. The impact of this center has been ground breaking and multi-faceted. The center has afforded many bright and ambitious students opportunities to pursue higher education and careers, which would otherwise be out of their reach. In addition it has grown in stature and is now a nationally recognized Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) that is at the forefront of research and teacher education.

In establishing the Early Childhood Education Center, Professor Saltz introduced Reggio Emilia as a pedagogical approach to the Center and the School of Education. She was among the first adopters in the United States to apply the Reggio-inspired approach, a unique and innovative teaching philosophy that has increased in relevance and effectiveness over the years. The Reggio approach focuses on developing the critical thinking skills that support children to become life-long learners and problem solvers. This approach has since attracted international attention and continues to be recognized as an important teaching philosophy at the forefront of early childhood education worldwide. The UM-Dearborn ECEC continues to lead in the Reggio-inspired approach with visitors and education groups from across the nation coming to the ECEC to learn about our continued development and application of this approach.

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

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

March 2012
The College of Engineering and Computer Science seeks to establish a collegiate professorship in the name of Paul K. Trojan, whose distinguished career at UM-Dearborn covered the years from 1961 until his retirement in 1998.

Paul K. Trojan received his undergraduate degree (B.S., metallurgical engineering) in 1955, his master’s degree (M.S., metallurgical engineering) in 1956, and his doctorate degree (Ph.D., metallurgical engineering) in 1961 from the University of Michigan. He worked as a senior engineer in manufacturing and development at Ford Motor Company in 1964, and he worked on a part-time basis and during summers conducting sponsored research at the Office of Research Administration at Ann Arbor from 1956 until his retirement. Many of his publications resulted from such research cooperation.

Professor Trojan worked initially as a teaching fellow in the Production Engineering Department at the Ann Arbor campus in 1956–57. During 1958–61, he joined the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Department at Ann Arbor as an instructor. His association with the Dearborn campus started in 1961 as an assistant professor of chemical and metallurgical engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1964 and professor in 1970. He was appointed as chair of the Engineering Division during 1962–64, acting dean of the School of Engineering during 1980–82, and interim dean during 1988–90. He was involved in engineering education for nearly forty years and lectured nationally throughout his career.

He is a member of the American Foundrymen’s Society, American Society for Metals, American Society for Engineering Education, and a number of honor societies. He received the American Society for Metals’ Henry Marion Howe Gold Medal in 1963, the American Foundrymen’s Society’s Thomas Pangborn Gold Medal in 1978, and the Best Research Paper Award from the Brass and Bronze Division of the American Foundrymen’s Society during eight different years.

With his exemplary record of service, research, and teaching; a career spanning the formative years of UM-Dearborn; and his steering the College of Engineering and Computer Science through several transition periods, it is most fitting that Paul K. Trojan be honored with the establishment of this collegiate professorship in his name.

A distinguished faculty member will be awarded this professorship. The initial term of appointment will be five years, with the possibility of renewal.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

March 2012