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

NAME: Pamela Brandwein

TITLE: Associate Professor of Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Pamela Brandwein as associate professor of political science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Pamela Brandwein received her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1986. She attended Northwestern University where she earned her Master of Arts in 1988 and Doctorate in 1994.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Brandwein began her teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Dallas in 1994. She was promoted to tenured associate professor in 2000.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Brandwein’s research focuses on American constitutional law and history, especially the Reconstruction era. Her special talent is to surround her study of case law with a variety of contextual materials ranging from the agendas of political parties to the adoption of the case method for teaching in law schools. She gives the reader a richly empirical account of precisely how legal knowledge is constructed. In addition to her two books (the first at Duke University Press and the second forthcoming from Cambridge University Press), Professor Brandwein has published a series of important papers. Three of these were placed in Law & Society Review, the single best outlet for the type of work she does. In 2000, she was awarded Special Recognition in the Sociology of Law Best Book Prize.
Professor Brandwein’s scholarship is of interest to a wide range of students and they, along with colleagues, speak very highly of her teaching abilities. She has played a major role in curricular development at UT-Dallas, especially in the development of the gender studies degree program. She received the Chancellor’s Council for Outstanding Teaching Award in 2000 and was recognized for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science by the American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
"It is a daunting task to try and be original in describing someone so many of us find extraordinary. … Her epistemological efforts produce new insights when applied to the basic institutions of American life and law. … I think she will make many more exciting contributions throughout her career."

Reviewer (B)
“I believe that Professor Brandwein is a very accomplished scholar and one of the leading practitioners of ‘new institutionalist’ approaches to the study of Law and Courts.”

Reviewer (C)
“Over the past decade, Professor Brandwein has earned a reputation as one of the leading interdisciplinary legal scholars [of her generation]… the abstract for The Supreme Court is the most exciting book proposal I have read…”

Reviewer (D)
“With regard to teaching, she is already a star, and will be one for decades to come. I say this not simply because she won a teaching award at the U of Texas. I have looked over the range and depth of her courses, and range of works and materials that students read in her classes.”

Reviewer (E)
“She is a model of interdisciplinarity, combining the skills of a political scientist, sociologist, and lawyer. …everything she has published has been meticulous and insightful.”

Reviewer (F)
“…Brandwein has been incredibly productive for the simple reason that there is a very strong case for thinking of her as inventing a subfield. There is literally no one else out there who does what she does, as far as I can tell. Brandwein’s work is sui generis.”

Reviewer (G)
“One of the things I enjoy about Pam’s work, other than the engaging interweaving of this wide variety of theoretical-methodological approaches, is the accessibility of her ideas and analyses. … Nothing I know of her – either in terms of scholarship, ability to relate to colleagues and students, or personal qualities – limits my endorsement of her for this position.”
PUBLICATIONS


SUMMARY

Professor Brandwein is an innovative scholar and an excellent teacher. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Pamela Brandwein as associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2007.

RECOMMENDED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of a Faculty and Administrative Appointment

NAME: Susan M. Collins

TITLES: Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy, Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; and Professor of Economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Deanship; 5-year, renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

I am pleased to recommend for Regental approval the appointment of Susan M. Collins as the Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, for a five-year renewable term. This appointment will be effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012. Professor Collins will also hold the positions of professor of public policy, with tenure, in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of economics, without tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. This recommendation follows an international search conducted by a search advisory committee.

Professor Collins received her B.A. degree, summa cum laude, in economics, from Harvard University in 1980, and her Ph.D. degree in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984. She joined Harvard University in 1984 as assistant professor of economics and rose to associate professor in 1988. In 1992 she moved to Georgetown University as associate professor of economics and became professor of economics in 1998. She also has a part-time affiliation with the Brookings Institution as a senior fellow in Economic Studies, which she has held since 1992. She was a visiting scholar at the International Monetary Fund Research Department during 2001.

Professor Collins served as a senior staff economist on the President’s Council of Economic Advisers during 1989-90. She chaired the American Economics Association (AEA) Committee on the Status of Minority Groups during 1995-98. Currently, she is a member of the AEA Executive Committee (elected) and the AEA Committee on Minority Groups in the Economics Profession. She is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for International Economics, and a member of the Advisory Editorial Staff of Economic Letters. Since 2000, Professor Collins has been a member of the Editorial Board of the World Bank Research Observer. From 2001-2004, she served as associate editor of The Journal of Economic Perspectives. At Georgetown University, she currently serves as chair of the Rank and Tenure Committee, Department of Economics, and as a member of the Graduate School Standing Committee on Academic Integrity. During 2000-2001, Professor Collins was director of graduate studies in the Department of Economics.

Her area of expertise is international economics, including issues in both macroeconomics and trade. Her research interests center on determinants of economic growth, issues raised by increasing cross-national economic integration and exchange rate regimes in developed and developing economies. Her current work explores growth experiences in China and India. Professor Collins has published extensively in professional journals and volumes. She edited Imports, Exports and the American Worker (The Brookings Institution, 1998) and, since 1999, has been editor or co-editor of the annual Brookings Trade
Forum. Among her many awards and fellowships, Professor Collins received the Sloan Foundation Grant: Offshoring and White Collar Work (2004-2006); the Ford Foundation Grant: Import, Exports and the American Worker (1993-1998); and the Galbraith Prize for excellence in graduate teaching, Harvard University (1989).

Susan Collins' research and experience position her to develop the internationalization of the Ford School and to enhance its reputation for rigorous analysis of policy issues. I am confident that Professor Collins will provide impressive leadership for the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at a time of exciting growth in its instructional programs and research centers. She will promote the School as a national leader in education, research, and practice. I recommend her appointment with enthusiasm, effective September 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Donald Freeman

TITLE: Associate Professor of Education

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Education, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Donald Freeman as associate professor of education, with tenure, in the School of Education, effective September 1, 2007. He will also serve as the director of the Teacher Education program.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Freeman received his B.A. in 1973 from Yale University, his M.A.T. in 1977 from the School for International Training (SIT) and his Ed.D. in 1991 from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Freeman has been on the faculty of SIT since 1982 and is currently director of the Center for Teacher Education, Training, and Research; and professor of second language education, Department of Language Teacher Education and he served as dean of the graduate and professional studies in language teacher education from 2001 through 2006. SIT, headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont, offers graduate programs that are designed to prepare students to be inter-culturally effective leaders, professionals, and citizens.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Freeman has extensive background in program development and leadership in a vast range of contexts across the world. He works as a leader in both pragmatic and visionary. He has been explicitly involved in designing programs in the U.S. and throughout the world, often grant-funded or government-based projects that have required both creative structures and careful assessment practices. He has published in highly respected, refereed journals both in the field of second language acquisitions and in the field of teacher professional development. He was awarded the highly prestigious
National Academy of Education Spencer Post Doctoral Fellowship in 1992. He was president of the international professional organization Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in 1993-94, and has been an invited speaker on the topic of teacher education at numerous conferences in the U.S., Asia, Europe, and South America. He is currently on the editorial board of Educational Researcher.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “Professor Freeman is undoubtedly a leader in his field of research. Of the three or four truly outstanding researchers working in the field of language teacher education, his research and teaching are viewed as cutting-edge and of the highest international quality.”

Reviewer B: “Donald’s conceptualization of teacher education is highly regarded by other scholars and professionals in the field and he is regarded as one of the most innovative and exciting thinkers in the field.”

Reviewer C: “Donald has a breadth and depth of experience that is rare these days; he is a distinguished contributor to the body of original research knowledge and pedagogical practice in the language education field; he has contributed demonstrably to the field through his service with professional and non-profit organizations; and he is a genuinely nice person—the kind of person that you really, truly value as a colleague and friend.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Freeman is known both nationally and internationally for his work on language teaching and language teacher education, as evidenced by his numerous international publications and experiences.”

Reviewer E: “Donald Freeman is not only a leader in the field of second and foreign language teaching and teacher education, he has contributed to a broad scholarly discourse about learning to teach.”

PUBLICATIONS


SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Professor Freeman is well-prepared to move the School of Education Teacher Education Program closer to practice. He has worked closely with school people around issues of both teacher preparation and teacher development, and in particular, he has given serious thought to how to help K-12 teachers play a more central role in the teacher education process. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Donald Freeman as associate professor of education, with tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Deborah Loewenberg Ball
William H. Payne Collegiate Professor and Dean, School of Education

July 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Walter R. Mebane, Jr.

TITLES: Professor of Political Science and Professor of Statistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: Professor of Political Science, With Tenure
Professor of Statistics, Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science, the Department of Statistics, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Walter R. Mebane, Jr. as professor of political science, with tenure, and professor of statistics, without tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Walter Mebane received his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Harvard College in 1979. He attended Yale University where he completed his Master of Arts in 1980, Master of Philosophy in 1981, and Doctorate in 1985.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Mebane began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 1985. He joined the faculty at Cornell University as an associate professor in 1989 (he was tenured in 1993) and was promoted to professor in 2003.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Mebane is a top political methodologist. His work is characterized by statistical and theoretical sophistication applied in novel ways to important questions. His training in mathematics and statistics provides him with a superb analytical tool kit. No one can conceptualize problems as creatively as Professor Mebane does. His work is also technically sophisticated and he is meticulous in his pursuit of perfection. Professor Mebane’s papers are not for the casual reader, but among those who make the effort to read the work, his reputation could not be higher.
Professor Mebane has compiled a respectable teaching record. His courses are demanding, rigorous, and very well put together. He has been perhaps the most successful educator of graduate students in political methodology over the last fifteen years.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
“There are two topics on which Mebane has become a nationally recognized expert. The first is the study of detailed election returns... Mebane has also established himself as an expert on the important recent hypothesis...that some voters consciously balance the incumbent administration by voting for a Congress of an opposing stripe.”

Reviewer (B)
“I consider him to be one of the very smartest people in our profession and one of the very best political methodologists of his generation. His work is of very high quality and impressive originality.”

Reviewer (C)
“...Walter is extremely smart and capable of producing some incredible work. ...Walter does original work... This makes him rare.”

Reviewer (D)
“His work only appears in the best journals. It appears that everything he touches turns to gold by that standard. His constant placement of publications in our discipline’s flagship journal, the American Political Science Review, is notable.”

Reviewer (E)
“Mebane has established for himself a deserved reputation as one of the leading statisticians (e.g., political methodologists) within the field of political science. He is attracted to complicated ideas...”

Reviewer (F)
“Mebane has expertise in methodology that I would rank second to none. His knowledge of technical matters is awe inspiring...across a wide range of statistical, economic and mathematical subjects.”

Reviewer (G)
“Walter Mebane is one of the four or five smartest people I have met in a lifetime. ... Walter is just off the scale in his ability to see through complexity. ... Would Walter Mebane receive a tenured full professorship from my own university. [sic] The answer is clearly yes.”
PUBLICATIONS

“The wrong man is president! Overvotes in the 2000 presidential election in Florida,”
“Robust estimation and outlier detection for overdispersed multinomial models of count data,”
“Coordination and policy moderation at midterm,” with J. S. Sekhon, American Political Science

SUMMARY

Professor Mebane is near the top of his field. His work with graduate students is remarkable and
he will lead the next generation of methodologists. We are very pleased to recommend the
appointment of Walter R. Mebane, Jr. as professor of political science, with tenure, and professor
of statistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1,
2007.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Allan C. Stam

TITLE: Professor of Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Allan C. Stam as professor of political science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Allan Stam received his Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University in 1988. He attended the University of Michigan where he completed his Master of Arts in 1991 and Doctorate in 1993.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Stam began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the American University in 1993 and was appointed assistant professor at Yale University in 1996. He joined the faculty at Dartmouth College in 2000 as a tenured associate professor and was promoted to professor in 2004. He has been the Daniel Webster Professor at Dartmouth since 2005.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Stam is an extraordinarily productive scholar who focuses on conflict. He has published four books and well over a dozen articles, including several in the *American Political Science Review*, political science’s flagship journal, and in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, a top security journal. His most important scholarly work to date is *Democracies at War* (co-authored with D. Reiter, Princeton University Press, 2002). This book investigates why democracies win such a high percentage of wars they initiate. It has occupied center stage in the field since its publication.
Professor Stam is a splendid teacher and is still something of a legend at Yale where he resurrected a moribund class on "Society and War" and turned it into one of the largest and most admired courses in the College. Professor Stam has won major teaching awards at Dartmouth as well as awards for mentoring.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
"...[Stam] has emerged as one of the leading international relations specialists in the country. Everything about his research quality and productivity indicate that he is continuing his steep trajectory and that he is now a major star in the field of conflict studies and national security analysis. He has amassed a record of accomplishments that would be the envy of many scholars senior to him."

Reviewer (B)
"...I am impressed with the range of subjects on which Stam writes. In lesser hands this could be amateurism, but he is thorough and careful. He also picks important subjects."

Reviewer (C)
"His latest work does what political scientists should have done years ago, which is to treat war as a series of related events, not as a decision to initiate followed by a loss or victory. War in Al’s new model is a series of battles, the outcomes of which redistribute assets and provide a better way of generating and testing hypotheses about war termination."

Reviewer (D)
"...a match of Stam and Michigan would be splendid for both parties. He deserves to be in an absolutely first-rank university department, and I cannot think of a better appointment for Michigan."

Reviewer (E)
"Stam’s most important work is the prize-winning, co-authored book with Dan Reiter, Democracies at War. Their finding that democracies are much more likely to win the wars they initiate than are other regime types because of their superior policy analysis and the discipline imposed by accountability to the average voter is of huge importance."

Reviewer (F)
"...Allan Stam is a very talented and highly skilled scholar. His teaching at American, Yale, and Dartmouth has been visible and well regarded by his students and peers. An appointment at Michigan should offer him greater opportunity to have a stream of talented graduate students with whom to work. I believe that he will continue to make prominent contributions to the field of international relations, in terms of his interest in leadership and world politics, and that he will be a tremendous asset to your faculty."
PUBLICATIONS


SUMMARY

Professor Stam is widely admired for his productivity and intellectual range. He is also an excellent teacher. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Allan C. Stam as professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2007.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: George Tsebelis

TITLE: Professor of Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of George Tsebelis as professor of political science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

George Tsebelis received his undergraduate degree in engineering from the National Technical University of Athens in 1975 and a second undergraduate degree in political science from the Institut de'Etudes Politiques de Paris in 1979. He completed an engineering doctorate in mathematical statistics at Pierre et Marie Curie University in 1979 and a Doctorate in political science from Washington University in 1982.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Tsebelis taught briefly at Washington University (1984-1985), Stanford University (1985-1986), and Duke University (1986-1987) before joining the faculty at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1987 where he currently hold an appointment as professor, with tenure.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Tsebelis works within the rational choice paradigm. He has published three books (one co-authored with a former research assistant), nearly fifty articles, and seven book chapters. These publications include several in the discipline’s flagship journal, the American Political Science Review, and several in other top journals, such as the International Organization and the British Journal of Political Science. Professor Tsebelis has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Russell Sage Fellowship, a National Science Foundation Fellowship, the Pi Sigma Alpha Prize
for Best American Political Science Association Paper, and the Luebbert Prize for the Best Article in Comparative Politics, among others.

Professor Tsebelis is an effective undergraduate teacher and a superb mentor for graduate students. He is a committed, well-organized instructor who is passionate about the difficult subject matter he teaches. His advisees have achieved some of UCLA’s best placements.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
“George writes in three languages and his work has been translated into five. He has been invited to lecture on Veto Players in a dozen countries. His work is admired around the world.”

Reviewer (B)
“Professor Tsebelis’ scholarship is as well-known and highly regarded among European scholars as it is among North American scholars. For scholars on both sides of the Atlantic, his work on such topics as veto players and conditional agenda setting has not only contributed important concepts and analysis categories to our vocabulary but has transformed the way scholars look at political institutions.”

Reviewer (C)
“George Tsebelis is a scholar and teacher of the highest distinction, whose work has been internationally recognized and acclaimed. I consider him one of the leading theorists of comparative politics who is active today.”

Reviewer (D)
“George Tsebelis has compiled a very distinguished record of scholarly publication. He has published three books with strong university presses (1990, 1997, 2002). ... The quality and influence of Tsebelis’s work is also demonstrated by his numerous publications in refereed scholarly journals. He has published at least 40 such articles in the past 20 years, which is an impressive rate of productivity. More important is the remarkable quality of the journals…”

Reviewer (E)
“Professor George Tsebelis’ approach to political science is truly pioneering, and he has helped to establish entirely new ways of analyzing political phenomena. His contributions have been strikingly original and highly important.”

Reviewer (F)
“Putting everything together, it seems eminently reasonable that George fill a distinguished post at any major university or institute. Your consideration of him for such a position at Michigan is very wise indeed.”
Reviewer (G)
"I rank Tsebelis as one of the very top scholars in the new comparative politics. ... Tsebelis is an engaging individual and a productive scholar and would make a great addition to your department."

PUBLICATIONS

"Presidential conditional agenda setting in Latin America," with E. Aleman, World Politics, 57(3), 2005, pp. 396-420

SUMMARY

Professor Tsebelis has done path breaking, innovative research. He is a conscientious undergraduate teacher and a dedicated graduate teacher and mentor. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of George Tsebelis as professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2007.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, without tenure
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: David N. Irani, M.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Neurology

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2007

APPOINTMENT TERM: 12 Months

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 David N. Irani, M.D., as Associate Professor of Neurology, without tenure, effective July 23, 2007.

Dr. Irani received the M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1987, followed by a research fellowship and residency training at Johns Hopkins University from 1988-93. In 1993, Dr. Irani was appointed an Instructor in Neurology at Johns Hopkins Medical School and was promoted to Assistant Professor of Neurology in 1996. That same year, he received a joint appointment as Assistant Professor of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at that institution.

Dr. Irani’s interests focus on neurologic diseases, such as multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). The Department of Neurology is in the process of recruiting several nationally recognized scientists, clinicians, and educators to develop a program in multiple sclerosis at this institution, and Dr. Irani’s expertise will be vital to the neuro-immunology component of this program. Dr. Irani also maintains an independent research program with studies focused on the mechanisms of viral-induced cell death in the central nervous system and the immunological responses that follow. He has had substantial funding for his research and currently is principal investigator of an NIH R01 grant funded through 2011. He has published 27 articles in peer-reviewed journals, with 19 chapters in books and other scholarly contributions. His expertise is recognized through his service as an ad hoc reviewer for a number of specialty journals, including the Annals of Neurology, Journal of Virology and Journal of Immunology. Dr. Irani has been a scientific reviewer and panel advisor for the National Institutes of Health and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is a member of several professional societies and is an elected member of the American Neurological Association.
Recent and Significant Publications


Dr. Irani has had extensive teaching experience at his current institution, including clinical teaching, didactic instruction, and memberships on Ph.D. dissertation committees. He created a new course “Principles of Neuroimmunology” at Johns Hopkins and has made numerous contributions to the teaching program through his lectures on topics including graduate immunology, virology biomedical sciences, and tropical medicine for both the Medical School and the School of Public Health. In 1999, he received the Neurology Faculty Teaching Award. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Irani will be given appropriate time to establish his laboratory before he begins his teaching interactions. It is planned that he will participate in clinical teaching to affiliate with the immunology program and to mentor trainees, including postdoctoral fellows, in his laboratory.

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

Reviewer A: “...I have continued to follow David’s career and his interest in neuroinflammation and neurovirology, and have been very impressed with his contributions to the field. His J Neuroscience paper in 2004 describing the Sindbis virus motor neuron diseases model was, and continues to be, a very important paper in the field.”

Reviewer B: “...He has distinguished himself in the fields of neurovirology and immunology and is internationally recognized as an expert in these areas. It is particularly noteworthy that Dr. Irani was elected to the American Neurological Association, which is the premier specialty organization for neurologists and generally is felt to signify academic excellence.”
Reviewer C: “Recently, Dr. Irani was able to obtain NIH funding in the form of an R01 for five years on the subject of protection of mice from lethal alphavirus encephalitis. This milestone is critical for a promotion and appointment to the proposed level. In addition to that, Dr. Irani has also received funding from the Charles A. Dana Foundation. In the past he has also obtained significant funding from the NIH in the form of a K Award, and as a co-investigator on a program project. This level of funding along with the productivity of the applicant is consistent with the proposed associate professor level.”

Reviewer D: “I would rank Dave among the top 10% of his peers in neurology at an equivalent career stage. I am the chair of our department’s faculty promotions committee, and can unequivocally state that Dave would be promoted to associate professor at our institution.”

Dr. Irani is a well trained neurologist who is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. In addition to his exciting research program, he will have clinical responsibilities in the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, with his patient care assignments to expand to include inpatient and consult attending services. At his current institution, Dr. Irani has served on departmental house officer training committees, as well as clinical and administrative committees for the medical school and hospital. It is planned that he will have similar committee responsibilities within the Department of Neurology that are aligned to his clinical and research interests.

Dr. Irani is a gifted investigator and an exemplary medical educator. His expertise in neuro-immunology will greatly benefit the research, clinical and educational missions of the Department of Neurology, especially the multiple sclerosis program. I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of David N. Irani, M.D., as Associate Professor of Neurology, without tenure. A tenure recommendation will be considered at a future date after Dr. Irani has had time to establish his laboratory and acclimate to our academic environment.

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

July 2007
Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Dionissios N. Assanis

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering recommend the reappointment of Dionissios N. Assanis as chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering effective July 1, 2007 and extending until a new department chair is appointed.

Professor Assanis received a B.S. in marine engineering from Newcastle University in the United Kingdom in 1980. He continued his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received Masters degrees in naval architecture and marine engineering (1982), mechanical engineering (1982), management of technology (1986) and a Ph.D. in combustion (1985).

After completing his Ph.D., Professor Assanis was appointed an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois and was promoted to associate professor in 1990. In addition, he was on the research staff at the Argonne National Laboratory. He joined the faculty of the College of Engineering in 1994 as professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics. Professor Assanis is one of the most prominent and active automotive researchers focused on internal combustion engine processes. In 1999 he was appointed Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in recognition of his outstanding contributions to undergraduate education.

Professor Assanis has the respect of his colleagues and will provide visionary leadership for the department until a new chair is appointed.

Recommended By:

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

July 2007

Recommendation Endorsed By:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
I recommend the reappointment of Michael R. Kalasinski as Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010. His responsibilities will not include teaching obligations.

Mr. Kalasinski earned his B.B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, Dearborn in 1983. Since 1976, he has held various positions within the University. He joined the School of Public Health in 1995 as Assistant to the Dean I, and was appointed Assistant Dean in 2004.

Mr. Kalasinski's administrative responsibilities have grown steadily over the years. He is a gifted administrator whose orientation is toward the accomplishment of the School's academic goals. He is widely respected by faculty and staff of the School and by the many individuals in central University administration with whom he works. In national meetings of administrative and fiscal officers of the Association of Schools of Public Health, Mr. Kalasinski is invariably cast in a leadership role in recognition of his grasp of administrative, management, and budgetary policy, practice, and procedure.

It is a pleasure to recommend the reappointment of Michael R. Kalasinski as Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration in the School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUESTS: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship and Renewal of Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Vijayan N. Nair

CURRENT TITLES: Donald A. Darling Collegiate Professor of Statistics, Professor of Statistics, with tenure, Chair, Department of Statistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TITLES BEING RENEWED: Donald A. Darling Collegiate Professor of Statistics and Chair, Department of Statistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: Darling Collegiate Professor – September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2012 Chair - July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts recommend the reappointment of Vijayan N. Nair as chair of the Department of Statistics, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010, and further recommend his reappointment as the Donald A. Darling Collegiate Professor of Statistics, for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Donald Darling was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1949 to 1967. The Donald A. Darling Collegiate Professorship in Statistics was established by the Regents in July 2002. A stipend funded from college resources will accompany this professorship.

Vijayan Nair earned his Bachelor of Economics with first class honors at the University of Malaya in 1972 and completed his Doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1978. Professor Nair began his professional career as a member of the technical staff in the Operations Research Center of Bell Laboratories in New Jersey and was promoted to research supervisor in 1981. He joined our faculty as a professor in 1993 and has been chair of his department since 1998. He has held an appointment as professor in the College of Engineering since 1993.

Professor Nair is an outstanding researcher who has made significant and pioneering contributions in theory, methodology, and substantive applications. He is widely viewed as one of the top researchers internationally in industrial and engineering statistics. His high standing, his leadership and impact on the profession, and his dedicated service are praised by leading
scholars. He currently is a member of the committee on Energy Statistics of the American Statistical Association, vice president of the International Statistical Institute (2007-2009) and 2007 guest editor of the special issue of Technometrics on Statistics and Information Technology.

Professor Nair’s contributions to the University and the College are equally outstanding and impressive. The Department of Statistics’ rapid rise in quality and reputation is widely recognized and applauded in the statistics profession. As its chair and leader, Professor Nair deserves more credit than any other single individual. In spite of the administrative burden, he has done more than his share of thesis supervision.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Vijayan N. Nair as chair of the Department of Statistics, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010, and further recommend his reappointment as the Donald A. Darling Collegiate Professor of Statistics, for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by: 

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

Recommendation endorsed by: 

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

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sidonie A. Smith

CURRENT TITLES: Martha Guernsey Colby Collegiate Professor of English and Women's Studies, Chair, Department of English Language and Literature, Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, and Professor of Women's Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of English Language and Literature

TERM: Two Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts recommend the reappointment of Sidonie A. Smith as chair of the Department of English Language and Literature, for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Sidonie Smith earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in 1966 at the University of Michigan, and completed her Doctorate at Case Western Reserve University in 1971. Professor Smith began her teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Arizona in 1973 and was promoted to associate professor in 1978. She was appointed associate professor at Binghamton University in 1983 and was promoted to professor in 1989. She joined our faculty as professor in 1996. She has held a variety of administrative appointments, including assistant dean at Roosevelt University (1971-1972); associate dean (1983-1986, 1986-1987), acting dean (1987-1988), and interim dean (1988-1990) at State University of New York, Binghamton; and director of our Women’s Studies Program (1996-2001).

Professor Smith is an outstanding scholar and teacher. Her daunting intellectual energy and output as well as her proven commitment to the ideal of collaborative work all confirm her stature in her profession. She sits on the editorial and advisory boards of Modern Fiction Studies, Auto/Biography Studies, and the New England Women's Diaries Projects. She is a member of the Comparative Literature Association, the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature, and the Modern Language Association where she most recently served on their Executive Council (1999-2003). Professor Smith is frequently invited to speak at seminars and conferences throughout the world --in 2006 alone she lectured in Spain, Portugal, Australia and Turkey.
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Sidonie A. Smith as chair of the Department of English Language and Literature, for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Current Faculty Member

NAME: Gregory W. Dalack, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair of the Department of Psychiatry

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., as Interim Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, effective September 1, 2007. Dr. Dalack will assume leadership in the department while a national search commences to replace Dr. John Greden who is stepping down from this administrative position.

Dr. Dalack received the M.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He completed a residency in psychiatry at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, followed by a research fellowship in affective disorders at New York State Psychiatric Institute. Dr. Dalack joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1992, and was promoted to his current rank of Associate Professor of Psychiatry with tenure, in 2000.

Dr. Dalack is nationally known for his research in nicotine dependence and psychiatric comorbidity. His work is well recognized and supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders, industry, and foundations. He also is actively involved in the teaching and mentoring of medical students and residents and his expertise is acknowledged through the numerous invitations he receives to lecture institutionally, regionally and nationally.

Dr. Dalack is well experienced in the administration of the Department of Psychiatry. He previously served as division director of psychiatry at the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Healthcare System. His administrative role at the University of Michigan includes his service as Associate Chair for Education and Academic Affairs in the Department of Psychiatry since 2005. In addition, he recently was named Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry.
It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that Dr. Dalack is most qualified to serve in this administrative role. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., as Interim Chair of the Department of Psychiatry.

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: James S. House

CURRENT TITLES: Angus Campbell Collegiate Professor of Sociology and Survey Research, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Angus Campbell Collegiate Professor of Sociology and Survey Research, Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

TERM: University Year

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

On the recommendation of the Dean, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committees of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment for James S. House as professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2007.

Professor House received his doctorate degree in social psychology from the University of Michigan in 1972. Before joining the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor and associate research scientist in 1978, he held teaching positions at Duke University, and with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. While at the University of Michigan, Professor House served as chair of the Department of Sociology from 1986 to 1990, and was director of the Survey Research Center in the Institute of for Social Research from 1991 to 2001.

Professor House is nationally recognized as a leader in multiple academic disciplines—social psychology, sociology of medicine, public health, epidemiology, and gerontology. He has done seminal work in setting research agendas on occupational stresses and health, social connections and health, determinants of quality of life in retirement and old age, and socioeconomic and race-based health inequalities in health outcomes over the life course. He was just elected as a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Professor House’s interest in the relationship between social environment and health complements the interest of Ford School students and faculty in the social policy area. Moreover, he’ll bring a background of expertise in both sociology and social psychology which adds to the intellectual depth and diversity of the Ford School faculty.
The Deans of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy endorse this joint appointment and agree that a tenured appointment for Professor House in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy is appropriate given his research and scholarly interest. We therefore recommend the joint appointment of Professor James S. House as professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2007.

Recommended by:

Rebecca M. Blank
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommended endorsed by:

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Current Faculty Member

NAME: Howard Hu

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, with tenure, and Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

On the recommendation of the Department of Epidemiology and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Howard Hu as Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

Professor Hu received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Brown University in 1976, a medical degree from Einstein College of Medicine in 1982, and a Master of Public Health in 1982, Master of Science in 1986, and Sc.D. in 1990, all from Harvard University.

Professor Hu joined the faculty in the Harvard Medical School in 1988 as an Instructor, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1990, and to Associate Professor in 1997. During this same period, he joined the Harvard School of Public Health as an Assistant Professor of Occupational Medicine in 1990, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994, and to Professor of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health in 2002. He joined the University of Michigan in 2006 as Professor and Chair of Environmental Health Sciences in the School of Public Health.

Professor Hu is a nationally and internationally recognized scientist with a distinguished record of research, teaching and service. He has made important contributions in environmental health sciences, notably in the area of metals epidemiology. The proposed additional appointment will enhance research and training collaborations in the field of environmental epidemiology between the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences (EHS) and Epidemiology. In his role as Chair of the Department of EHS, Professor Hu has assumed the directorship of the Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Training Program, co-directed by the Chair of the Department of Epidemiology. They will be working together to expand the training programs in environmental and occupational epidemiology and to promote new collaborations in this important research area.

Professor Hu has a distinguished background in medicine, environmental and occupational health, and epidemiology. The proposed appointment will extend and enhance the collaborative efforts of both Epidemiology and Environmental Health Sciences. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Howard Hu as Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Timothy A. McKay

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and Professor of Physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Astronomy and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Physics, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Timothy A. McKay as professor of astronomy, without tenure, effective September 1, 2007.

Timothy McKay received his Bachelor of Science at Temple University in 1986 and Doctorate at the University of Chicago in 1992. Following a three-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Professor McKay joined our faculty as assistant professor in 1995 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2001. He was appointed an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2005.

Professor McKay began his career as an experimental physicist and has applied his talents to the analysis of very large data sets obtained using survey techniques in astronomy. He has had particular success in identifying the optical counterparts of sources of very high-energy radiation, and in contributing to our understanding of weak gravitational lensing. His current research is a project to measure the acceleration of the expansion of the universe. This additional appointment is meant to formalize the close intellectual association between Professor McKay and the faculty in the Department of Astronomy. He will teach astronomy classes by arrangement with the Department of Physics and will serve as a primary dissertation advisor to graduate students.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Timothy A. McKay as professor of astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2007.

Recommended by:

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

July 2007

Recommendation endorsed by:

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Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Samuel B. Mukasa

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Geological Sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Geological Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Samuel B. Mukasa as chair of the Department of Geological Sciences, for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Professor Mukasa earned a B.Sc. degree in geology and chemistry from the University of New Hampshire in 1977, a M.Sc. in geology at Ohio State University in 1980 and a Ph.D. in geochemistry in 1984 from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University in New York.

Professor Mukasa’s research focuses on the integrated use of trace elements and Pb, Nd, Sr, Hf and Os isotopes to model the evolution and dynamics of Earth’s mantle as recorded by materials derived from alpine peridotite massifs, ultramafic xenoliths, arc lavas and continental flood basalts. Professor Mukasa is one of the few that combine first-rate fieldwork with high precision geochronologic measurements and a wide range of geochemical analyses. Since 1983 Professor Mukasa has spoken at over two dozen venues, including the Geological Society of London, Lamont-Doherty (Columbia University), Institute of Geology, Academia Sinica, Beijing, Guilin Institute of Geochemistry, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Plenary lecture Antarctic Geology, Siena, Italy, Okayama University, Hiroshima University, Korea University, McMurdo Research Station, Antarctica, as well as numerous universities in the United States.

Professor Mukasa teaches courses at every level of instruction. He has served on fifteen Ph.D. committees at the University of Michigan and elsewhere and has served as the advisor to seven M.S. students. A common thread in the course evaluations concerns Professor Mukasa’s willingness to provide all the individual extra help needed to the students that come to him for assistance.
Professor Mukasa has served his department, his college and the university in many and varied ways – as a member of the department’s executive committee (2006 – present) as well as the executive board of Rackham (2006 – present). He was co-chair of LSA’s Diversity in Graduate Admissions in the Natural Sciences Committee (2003-2006) and a member of the Dean’s Committee on Gender and the Natural Sciences (2003 – present). He served on the curriculum committee from 2004-2006, the Faculty Senate, CRLT Advisory Board and the Provost’s Proposal Evaluation Panel. Outside the university Professor Mukasa currently serves as a member of the American Geophysical Union and the Geochemical Society and is a fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Geological Society of America. As the chair of the Advisory Board for the National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs, he has been involved in questions such as the renovation of the U.S. Antarctic research bases and contracting for the construction of a new icebreaker. His service as a chair of this committee has included giving testimony to Congress.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Samuel B. Mukasa as chair of the Department of Geological Sciences, for a five year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Recommended by: 

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

July 2007

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering recommend the appointment of Douglas C. Noll as chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Professor Noll received his BS degree in 1985 from Bucknell University and his MS (1986) and PhD (1991) degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University. After receiving his PhD, Professor Noll accepted a position as assistant professor of radiology at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1992 he was given the additional appointment of assistant professor of electrical engineering and in 1997 he was promoted to associate professor of radiology and electrical engineering. In 1998 he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as associate professor of biomedical engineering and co-director of the Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center. In 1999 Professor Noll was appointed an associate professor of radiology, in 2005 he was promoted to the rank of professor in Biomedical Engineering, and in 2006 he was promoted to professor in Radiology.

Professor Noll’s research is in the technical aspects of functional magnetic resonance imaging and has far reaching applications in clinical patient care. His projects include development of rapid image acquisition techniques such as spiral-scan MRI. He is an elected fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and the recipient of several awards for his teaching, research and service.
Professor Noll has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair in the College of Engineering. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Professor Douglas C. Noll as chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Duncan G. Steel

CURRENT TITLES: Robert J. Hiller Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Chair, Biophysics Research Division

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Robert J. Hiller Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, Professor of Physics, without tenure, and Director, Program in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, recommend the appointment of Duncan G. Steel as director of the Program in Biophysics for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

At their June 2007 meeting, the Regents approved the transfer and renaming of the Biophysics Research Division in the Office of the Vice President for Research as the Program in Biophysics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Duncan Steel received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972. He attended the University of Michigan where he completed two Master of Science degrees (1973, 1975) and his Doctorate (1976). He joined the staff at the Hughes Research Laboratories in 1975, was appointed instructor at the University of Michigan (1976-1977), and continued his career at Hughes until 1989 when he returned to Michigan as professor in electrical engineering and physics.

Professor Steel is an internationally recognized scholar who works in a broad range of areas in applied physics and engineering. He has been director of the Optical Science Laboratory in the College of Engineering since 1988. He was appointed the Peter S. Fuss Professor of Engineering (2004-2005) and currently holds the Robert J. Hiller Professorship in Engineering (2005-2010).
He is a Guggenheim Scholar as well as a Fellow of the American Physical Society, the Optical Society of America, and the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Duncan G. Steel as director of the Program in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Recommended by:

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

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

July 2007
Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: David L. Porter

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

It is recommended that David L. Porter be granted an extension of leave of absence for academic year 2007-2008, effective September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Professor Porter took a leave during academic year 2007-08 for research at Peking University. He now wishes to take his sabbatical—a leave he deferred for two years for service needs in the Honors Program and to help launch a new joint graduate program in China. Permitting this additional year of leave will allow Professor Porter to complete a second book project and make significant progress on a third book manuscript.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor David Porter.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

TERESA A. SULLIVAN
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Dragomir R. Radev

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information, Associate Professor Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Associate Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008

It is recommended that Dragomir Radev be granted an extension of leave of absence for fall term 2007 and winter term 2008, effective September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

Professor Radev has been in New York for the past year so that he may attend to some challenging personal family responsibilities. As he is still needed in New York to attend to these matters we bring forward this request.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Dragomir Radev.

RECOMMENDED BY: C. Olivia Frost
Interim Dean, School of Information

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

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Stephen W. Raudenbush

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education, Professor of Statistics and Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Personal

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

It is recommended that Stephen W. Raudenbush be granted an extension of leave of absence for the period of July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Professor Raudenbush is working at the University of Chicago and this extension will allow him to continue his involvement at the University of Michigan.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Stephen W. Raudenbush.

RECOMMENDED BY:
Deborah Loewenberg Ball
William H. Payne Collegiate Professor and Dean, School of Education

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

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

July 2007
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Cheng-Yang Chang Professorship in Pediatric Urology

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2007

On the recommendation of David A. Bloom, M.D., the Jack Lapides Professor and Chair of the Department of Urology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Cheng-Yang Chang Professorship in Pediatric Urology, effective July 19, 2007.

This professorship is made possible through a generous gift from Dr. Theodore Chang and Mr. Hamilton Chang to honor their father, Dr. Cheng-Yang Chang. The endowment gift also represents the family's love of the University of Michigan that was led by Dr. Chang’s late wife, Shirley S. Chang (Michigan, MBA, MPH).

The oldest of five, Dr. Cheng-Yang Chang was born in 1934 in Shanghai, China. During the post World War II struggles in China, the family fled Mainland China in 1949 and followed the Nationalist Government to Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan). In 1959, Dr. Chang graduated from the National Defense Medical Center, and he completed general surgery residency training at Tri-Service General Hospital. Dr. Chang first came to the University of Michigan in 1964 for urology residency training under Dr. Reed Nesbit and then joined the faculty in the Section of Urology in 1967. The family returned to Taipei in 1968 so that Dr. Chang could establish a urological training program at the National Defense Medical Center and to complete his military service. During 1968-71, Dr. Chang was “the” instructor for the Section of Urology at the National Defense Medical Center. As news of his expertise spread, Dr. Chang was presented with the nationally prestigious Outstanding Young Men Award in the Republic of China in 1970, one of only 10 awarded each year. It was also during this time that Dr. Chang became the personal urologist to President Chiang Kai-Shek.

In 1971, the family returned to Ann Arbor when Dr. Chang re-joined the faculty at the University of Michigan, serving as its first pediatric urologist. Dr. Chang established a private practice of urology in 1976 in Flint, Michigan. During this period, he maintained his relationship with the University of Michigan through his appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Section of Urology, and later promoted to Clinical Associate Professor. In 1988, Dr. Chang was named Chief of Urology at the Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. Dr. Chang retired from his urology practice in 2002.
This professorship honors Dr. Cheng-Yang Chang and recognizes his tireless commitment to patient care, his notable surgical expertise, his desire to train the next generation of Wolverine surgeons, and his many years of well-received guidance offered to his sons. I am very pleased to recommend the establishment of the Cheng-Yang Chang Professorship in Pediatric Urology.

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

July 2007
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

Proposed Name: Elzada U. Clover Collegiate Professorship in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Elzada U. Clover, who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1936 until 1967. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Elzada Urseba Clover (1897 – 1980) taught in and administered public schools in Texas and in her native Nebraska before settling upon a career in botany. During interim periods she continued her college work at the Peru State Normal School, now Peru State College, from which she was graduated in 1930. Coming to Ann Arbor in 1931, she earned her master's degree in 1932 and her doctorate, with a thesis on the vegetation of the Lower Rio Grande, in 1935. In 1936 the University appointed her instructor in Botany and assistant curator in the Botanical Gardens. She rose through the ranks to become curator in 1957 and professor in 1960. Professor Clover steadily enhanced her knowledge of cacti and other desert vegetation. In pursuit of that interest, she made frequent expeditions to the southwestern United States; during one of these trips, in 1938, she and one associate became the first women to complete the hazardous boat trip through the canyon of the Colorado River. The superb cactus collection at the Botanical Gardens is her continuing monument. At the Biological Station, her course in taxonomy and the research which she directed or personally undertook reflected both her wide practical knowledge and her unfailing vitality. Her sympathy and enthusiasm were demonstrated in her counseling and committee work, in her sponsorship of "The Botany Club".

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Charles Horton Cooley Collegiate Professorship in Psychology

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Charles Horton Cooley who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1892 to 1929. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Charles Horton Cooley (1864 – 1929), a native of Ann Arbor, received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1887 and his Ph.D. in economics in 1894. Initially an instructor of political economy, he became assistant professor of sociology in 1899 and that year taught the university’s first course in the subject. He was promoted to professor in 1907. Charles Cooley was the son of famed Law School professor and Michigan State Supreme Court Justice Thomas McIntyre Cooley and would go on to become one of the seminal social theorists in the young discipline of sociology and one of the leading intellectuals of his generation. When East Quadrangle was completed in 1947, one residence hall was named the Charles Horton Cooley House.

Professor Cooley’s concept of the “looking glass self” is accepted by most psychologists and sociologists today. This concept expanded William James’s idea of self to include the capacity of reflection on its own behavior. “Society and individual denote not separate phenomena but different aspects of the same thing, for a separate individual is an abstraction unknown to experience, and so likewise is society when regarded as something apart from individuals.” Professor Cooley’s many books on social organization and culture became classics, and are still assigned in university courses.

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: H. Chandler Davis Collegiate Professorship in English and American Culture

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of H. Chandler Davis who was an instructor at the University of Michigan from 1950 - 1954. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

H. Chandler Davis earned his B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Harvard University. In 1954 while at Michigan as an instructor, Chandler Davis chose to test the constitutionality of the House Un-American Activities Committee by refusing to testify before the Committee without invoking protection from self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment. As a result of his actions, Davis was suspended from the University (as were Mark Nickerson, a tenured faculty member and Professor Clement Markert). His subsequent reinstatement was supported by his department and college, but not by the Faculty Senate and he was subsequently dismissed from the University in 1954.

H. Chandler Davis, a pre-eminent mathematician, served as vice president of the American Mathematical Society from 1991 - 1994 and was an advisory editor and is now Distinguished Editor of “Linear Algebra and Its Applications.” Davis was formerly Reviews Editor and is now Editor-in-Chief of “The Mathematical Intelligencer.” Professor Davis is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto.

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:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Lazar J. Greenfield Professorship in Surgery

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2007

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 Lazar J. Greenfield Professorship in Surgery, effective July 19, 2007.

The Lazar J. Greenfield Professorship in Surgery will support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the Department of Surgery. The initial appointment period for the Greenfield Professor will be five years and the appointment may be renewed.

Dr. Greenfield received the M.D. degree with honors from Baylor University in 1958. Following his training in general and thoracic surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Oklahoma and achieved the rank of Professor of Surgery at that institution in 1974. That same year, Dr. Greenfield joined the faculty at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University as the Stuart McGuire Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery. In 1987, he was recruited to the University of Michigan as the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery and continued in that role until 2002. Dr. Greenfield served as Interim Chief Executive Officer of the University of Michigan Health System and Interim Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs during 2002-2003, and retired from active faculty service in 2004. He currently holds the honored titles of Professor Emeritus and Chair Emeritus of Surgery.

Dr. Greenfield is a highly respected and well recognized vascular surgeon and is best known for his development of an intracaval filter device to prevent pulmonary embolism that bears his name. He has been a prolific scholar having published 128 book chapters, 111 abstracts, and more than 385 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, as well as two major textbooks of surgery. He has been elected to membership in 51 scientific and professional societies and received honorary membership in nine additional organizations. Dr. Greenfield served as a member and then President of the Lifeline
Foundation and Board Chair of the American Surgical Association Foundation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has served on the Board of Governors, the Advisory Council for Vascular Surgery and as first Vice President of that organization. In 1995, Dr. Greenfield was elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science.

Dr. Greenfield’s dedication to the University of Michigan spans over two decades, from his first appointment as Professor and Chair of Surgery to his current Professor and Chair Emeritus designations. He has achieved a truly world class reputation as surgeon, researcher, educator and administrator. This professorship serves to honor Dr. Greenfield and to recognize his numerous contributions to this institution and to his surgical profession. I am very pleased to recommend the establishment of the Lazar J. Greenfield Professorship in Surgery.

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Robert P. Mitchell Collegiate Professorship in History

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Richard P. Mitchell who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1956 - 1983. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Richard P. Mitchell was born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts. After active service in the Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II, he pursued undergraduate work at Northwestern University and Clark University (B.A. 1949). He received his Ph.D. at Princeton in 1960. His graduate studies included four years of research in Cairo which laid the foundation for his intimate and profound knowledge of the modern Near East, its peoples and its problems. Except for five years in the State Department (1958 - 1963) Professor Mitchell served the University of Michigan continuously from 1956 until his untimely death in Cairo at age fifty-eight in September 1983. Professor Mitchell was a particularly devoted and effective trainer of graduate students in what was then considered an important “new” field. His many doctoral students now teach all over the world. As a scholar, he was widely recognized as an authority on the very important phenomenon of Islamic fundamentalism, on which he published work of seminal importance – The Society of the Muslim Brothers (Oxford University Press, 1969) is now routinely cited as the standard source for the history of the revivalist Egyptian movement, the Muslim Brethren, up to the time of Nasser. Professor Mitchell’s deep knowledge of his field and his warm personality made him a particularly effective and appreciated teacher.

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:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

July 19, 2007

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: John G. Pedley Collegiate Professorship in Classical Archaeology

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of John G. Pedley who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1965 until his retirement in 2002.

John Griffiths Pedley received his B.A. and his M.A. degrees from Cambridge University in 1954 and 1959, respectively. In 1965, after spending a year as a fellow at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Professor Pedley earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He then came to the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1965. He was promoted to associate professor in 1968 and to professor in 1974. Professor Pedley’s scholarship centers mainly on Greek art and architecture during the archaic and classical periods. His work is naturally integrated with his extensive excavations in various Greek or Greco-Roman sites: Sardis in Turkey, Apollonia in Libya, Carthage in Tunisia, and Paestum in southern Italy. These excavations provided him with a basis for the original observations that illuminate his important and frequently translated book on Greek art and archaeology, as well as his books on sanctuaries and sacred ritual in Greece.

Professor Pedley was acting chair of the Department of Classical Studies from 1971 - 1972. In addition, he served as chair of the graduate program in classical art and archaeology from 1971 - 1982, and as director of the Kelsey Museum of Ancient and Medieval Archaeology from 1973 - 1986. Professor Pedley is the recipient of numerous honors. He received the University’s Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1978, the Julia Lockwood Award in 1994, and the Warner G. Rice Humanities Award as distinguished senior lecturer in 1996 - 1997.

Professor Pedley was an exceptional teacher at all levels. He built, and then taught, the large introductory course in Greek Art and Archaeology for over 20 years, initiated countless undergraduates and graduates into the mysteries of classical archaeology and chaired numerous dissertations. His former students can be found in archaeology programs throughout the world.

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:

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

July 2007

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Larry D. Soderquist Professorship, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2007

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Larry D. Soderquist Professorship in the Medical School, effective July 19, 2007.

This professorship is made possible through the generosity of William and Delores Brehm and intended to advance and accelerate medical research related to type I diabetes. Bill and Dee Brehm have been stalwart and generous supporters of diabetes research at the University of Michigan. In 2001, the William K. and Delores S. Brehm Professorship in Type 1 Diabetes Research was established and The Brehm Center for Type I Diabetes Research and Analysis was created in 2005.

Larry Soderquist, the brother of Dee Brehm, was one of the nation’s most respected securities law scholars and director of the Corporate and Securities Law Institute at Vanderbilt University Law School before his death from injuries he sustained in an auto accident. A native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mr. Soderquist was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he received the bachelor’s degree in 1996, and earned his law degree from Harvard University in 1969. In 1971, he joined the Wall Street law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy. In 1976, he left law practice to accept a faculty appointment at the University of Notre Dame Law School, followed by a one-year visiting professorship at Vanderbilt University. Mr. Soderquist’s one-year appointment transitioned into a full-time tenured faculty position at that institution.

Mr. Soderquist taught and wrote on corporate and securities law. The textbooks and law review articles he wrote and the Practising Law Institute training programs he conducted around the country, led to Mr. Soderquist being recognized as one of the nation’s foremost experts in securities law. Two of the most notable books he authored are *Understanding the Securities Laws* (an edition of which was published in the People’s Republic of China in 2004) and *Investor’s Rights Handbook*. In addition to eight books and numerous articles on law, for a time he wrote a weekly column for the *Nashville Business Journal*.
In addition to his well recognized career in corporate law, Mr. Soderquist earned a doctor of ministry degree in 1998 from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana and was an ordained minister who preached occasionally, was Belle Meade's first police chaplain, volunteered as a chaplain at the local veterans' hospital, and conducted gravesite services for indigents from the area.

This professorship serves as memorial to Mr. Soderquist and acknowledges the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Brehm for their continued support for diabetes research at the University of Michigan. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Larry D. Soderquist Professorship in the Medical School.

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry, effective July 1, 2007.

The College has been the recipient of a generous gift of $2,000,000 from Herman Sokol to establish the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry. Each incumbent will be a distinguished person whose accomplishment and promise in the investigation and teaching of medicinal or synthetic chemistry offers the hope of the discovery and development of new therapeutic agents and of medicinal applications beneficiary to health. This professorship will reside within the Department of Chemistry of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Appointments to the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry will be made by the Dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of Chemistry and with the approval of the College Executive Committee. The professorship will be a permanent fund of the University, and will be used to support the salary of the chair-holder and related office, and the research expenses of the chair-holder.

In recognition of this significant gift from Herman Sokol, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry, effective July 1, 2007.

Recommended by:

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Julian H. Steward Collegiate Professorship in Anthropology

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Julian H. Steward who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1928-1930. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Julian H. Steward (1902-1972) was born in Washington, D.C. His family, devout Christian Scientists, did little to encourage his scientific curiosity. They did, however, send him to the Deep Springs Preparatory School in California where he met Shoshoni and Northern Paiute Indians, acquiring a lifelong attachment. Steward graduated in 1925 from Cornell University, with majors in both zoology and biology. In 1928 he accepted his first academic position at the University of Michigan as a lecturer. He was highly organized, purposeful, painstakingly consistent and thoroughly memorable. He left Michigan in 1930.

Julian Steward received his Ph.D. at Berkeley in 1929. In 1930 he founded a program of teaching and research at the University of Utah. From 1933 - 1934 he returned to Berkeley as a lecturer and in 1935 joined the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution where he remained for eleven years, ultimately founding the Institute of Social Anthropology in 1943 and serving as its first director. He wrote the six-volume, *Handbook of American Indians* in 1946 the same year he accepted a teaching position at Columbia University where he trained Eric Wolf and Sidney Mintz. In 1952 he joined the University of Illinois where he remained for twenty years. Julian Steward died in 1972.

Julian Steward is one of the most respected and influential anthropologists of his generation. His theory that cultural change is a multi-linear evolutionary process, similar to biological evolution, led to the startling idea that human culture develops along several different paths rather than from a single central stem. Utilizing extensive field research, he contended that a trend in one culture may be found in others with its own distinct pattern. This approach won him world acclaim and helped set the research agenda and theoretical framework for a generation of anthropologists. He is considered the founder of the schools of multi-linear evolution and cultural ecology. Today’s archeology now rests on the settlement pattern and subsistence investigations started by Steward’s cultural ecology method.

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:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Robert M. Thrall Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Robert M. Thrall who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1937 - 1969. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Robert M. Thrall (1914 - 2006) received his Doctorate from Illinois College in 1937 and joined the faculty as an instructor in mathematics at the University of Michigan that same year. He was promoted to tenured associate professor in 1948 and professor in 1956. He received the Henry Russel Award (1948 - 1949) and the Distinguished Faculty Award (1965). Professor Thrall left Michigan in 1969 and became the founding chairman of Rice University’s new Department of Mathematical Sciences. He retired in 1984 as Noah Harding Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences and Professor Emeritus of Administrative Sciences.

Professor Thrall started his research career in mathematics as an algebraist, making seminal contributions to ring theory, representation theory, and algebraic combinatorics. In the 1940s, he became interested in the emerging field of discrete applied mathematics, and gradually became a widely-recognized scholar in operations research and management science. His achievements in game theory, the theory of decision processes, and later, data envelopment analysis, earned him numerous accolades. He was the president of the Institute of Management Sciences (TIMS) in 1969 - 1970, and received TIMS' Distinguished Service Medal in 1985. In 2002, he became one of the inaugural Fellows of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences.

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

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Walter J. Weber, Jr. Professorship in Environmental and Ecosystems Engineering


EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

At the November 1999 meeting the Regents approved the establishment of the Walter J. Weber, Jr. Professorship in Environmental and Ecosystem Engineering. There was a signed addendum to the gift agreement between Walter J. Weber, Jr. and the Regents of the University of Michigan which requested the name of the professorship be changed to the Walter J. Weber, Jr. Professorship in Sustainable Energy, Environmental, and Earth Systems Engineering.

Walter J. Weber, Jr., the Gordon Maskew Fair and Earnest Boyce Distinguished University Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of Michigan, is a highly accomplished scientist, engineer and educator. Professor Weber joined the College of Engineering in 1963 and by 1968 had risen to the rank of professor. He currently serves as the founding director of the Institute for Environmental Science, Engineering and Technology. Professor Weber, elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 1985, is the recipient of numerous awards, the most recent of which was the 1996 Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize.

The College of Engineering is grateful to Walter J. Weber, Jr. for his generosity and his commitment to helping the College sustain the excellence of its activities in environmental science and technology and wish to support his request for a name change.

Recommended By:

Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

Recommendation Endorsed By:

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Raymond L. Wilder Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Raymond L. Wilder who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1926 until his retirement in 1967. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Raymond Louis Wilder (1896 – 1982) was born in Massachusetts into a family of musicians. He received his undergraduate and masters degrees from Brown University in actuarial mathematics. Wilder moved into pure mathematics as a graduate student at the University of Texas, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1923. After a brief stay at the Ohio State University, Wilder joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1926 and remained here until his retirement in 1967.

Starting in the 1930’s, Wilder became recognized as one of the most creative and influential topologists in the world. His work combined the geometric and algebraic approaches to the subject. He delivered the American Mathematical Society Colloquium Lectures in 1942, which led to his twice-reprinted seminal book Topology of Manifolds.

During his forty years at Michigan, Wilder was instrumental in building the mathematics department into an internationally recognized center of research. Along with his colleague G. Y. Rainich, he helped to create a departmental culture emphasizing seminars and communication among colleagues. As a graduate and undergraduate teacher, he drew to our University many outstanding colleagues and students. He supervised 26 Ph.D. theses, and his course on “The Foundations of Mathematics” changed the minds of young people even outside his own department and beyond our campus.

Professor Wilder received many honors during his career. He was the president of both the American Mathematical Society (1955—1956) and the Mathematical Association of America (1965 – 1966). He was elected to the American National Academy of Sciences in 1963, and was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His counsel generally, both in Ann Arbor and in the total intellectual community of the United States, revealed his acumen and his original and theoretic turn of mind. Among his national peers, he was held in the highest esteem. He was a trusted advisor of government agencies such as the National Science Foundation and the research arms of the military departments. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from our university in 1980.
In his later years, Wilder explored the connections of mathematics to the politics of science and to the expanding technological needs of the nation, and he studied the position of mathematics in its cultural and philosophical milieu. He insisted that though mathematics differs from such cultural elements as language and religion, still it is not so lacking in challenge that anyone has been able to define it. "Susceptibility to definition," he once said, "may be a sign of senility."

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: 

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

July 2007

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions

for regular instructional staff and selected

academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Interim Appointment Approval During August

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments during August

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007

During the month of August, when the Regents are in recess, it is requested that the Regents authorize the President or the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs to make such interim appointments and/or changes as may become necessary to complete the staffing for the Fall term. All such appointments will be reported to the Regents at the September meeting.

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Stephen L. Darwall

CURRENT TITLES: John Dewey Collegiate Professor of Philosophy, and Professor of Philosophy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, and Professor of Philosophy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Stephen L. Darwall as the John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy effective September 1, 2007. Professor Darwall has made important contributions both to fundamental moral philosophy and to the history of ethics. His *Impartial Reason*, published in 1983, was central in overturning the then orthodox view that any reason for a person to do something must be based somehow in that person's own desires. He showed that, to the contrary, desires are themselves rationally criticizable, thereby clearing the way to defend the proposition that morality gives persons reasons to act even when doing so conflicts with their desires and interests. In more recent moral philosophy, Darwall is best known for two further important books. *Welfare and Rational Care* (2002) also cut against the grain, arguing that the concept of welfare or well-being cannot be understood independently of what it is to care for someone. This reversed the usual view. He argued that welfare can plausibly be held to be an ethical or normative concept only if it is identified with the notion of what there is justification to want for someone for that person's sake, that is, insofar as one cares for him or her.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual – preferably one associated with the University – in the scholar's same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Darwall's most important contribution to moral philosophy is his latest book, *The Second-Person Standpoint: Morality, Respect, and Accountability* (2006), which achieves nothing less than a fundamental reorientation of moral theory. Whereas contemporary attempts to account for morality's supreme authority have followed the eighteenth-century philosopher, Immanuel Kant, in arguing that this authority is a necessary presupposition of the "first-person" point of view of an agent deliberating about what to do, Darwall argues that such an approach cannot succeed. Even if it were successful in its own terms, it could not account the essentially interpersonal or "second-personal" aspect of morality: that moral obligations are what were responsible to one another for doing. Darwall then mounts a positive constructive argument that accounts for morality's authority from the second-person standpoint.
In the history of ethics, Professor Darwall's *The British Moralists and the Internal Ought: 1640-1740* reshaped our understanding of the history of early modern philosophy, bringing a new standard of philosophical analysis to the area. He is currently working on a book on the development of ethical philosophy as a subdiscipline of philosophy from the seventeenth century to the present, tentatively titled, *The Methods of Modern Ethics*.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor Darwall has held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities on four separate occasions. He is an Associate Editor of *Ethics*, one of the two premier journals in moral and political philosophy, and a Founding Co-Editor of *The Philosophers' Imprint*, philosophy's premier online journal.

Professor Darwall has long been one of the Philosophy Department’s most popular teachers and widely sought advisors. He has directed some twenty-two dissertations. His commitment to undergraduate education is also strong. He chaired the LSA Committee on the Future of the Honors Program, and has been, since 2002, the Director of the LSA Honors Program. Chair of the Department of Philosophy for a total of eight years, Professor Darwall has served the University in a wide variety of positions, including as Chair of the University Task Force on the End of Mandatory Retirement and Chair of the Provost’s Advisor Committee in the Search for a New Director of the University Libraries.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Darwall wishes to be named the John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy.

John Dewey began graduate study in philosophy at Johns Hopkins University in 1882. There he studied with George S. Morris, a religious-minded Hegelian philosopher who split his time between Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan, and with G. Stanley Hall, an advocate of William James’ empiricism. In 1884, Dewey followed Morris to Michigan, where he became an instructor of philosophy. His commitment to education led him to develop connections to local high school teachers. In 1889 he became head of the Department of Philosophy. Throughout his time at Michigan, Dewey was a tireless teacher, sometimes teaching as many as five courses a term while department head. Dewey left Michigan for the University of Chicago in 1894. There he developed and practiced the experimental educational theories for which he would become famous. In 1904, Dewey left Chicago for Columbia University where he spent the rest of his academic career until his retirement in 1930.

The appointment of Professor Stephen L. Darwall as the John Dewey Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, effective September 1, 2007, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for her students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Janet A. Weiss  
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

July 2007
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Jane E. Dutton as the Robert L. Kahn Distinguished University Professor of Business Administration and Psychology, effective September 1, 2007. Professor Dutton is one of the most distinguished and internationally recognized scholars in the field of organization and management theory.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the University—in the scholar's same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Dutton received her B.A. from Colby College in 1974, and Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Northwestern University in 1983. She was an Assistant Professor of Management (1983-86) and then Associate Professor (1987-89) at New York University. In 1989 Professor Dutton was appointed Associate Professor of Organization Behavior and Human Resources Management and of Corporate Strategy at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. In 1994 she was appointed Professor of Organization Behavior and Human Resource Management and Corporate Strategy in the Ross School and in 2002 appointed Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology in LS&A. In 1996 she became the William Russell Kelly Professor of Business Administration. From 1997-99 she also held the Jack D. Sparks Whirlpool Corporation Research Professor of Business.

Professor Dutton is one of the most prolific and most cited scholars in her field. Professor Dutton's work has been cited over 3,900 times and she is ranked fourth in a search of top 100 authors of peer-reviewed
articles in the top journals in organization studies. Due in large part to Professor Dutton’s leadership and contributions, the management and organizations group at the Ross School is consistently ranked as a leader in its output of organization theory scholarship.

Professor Dutton provides important leadership in the Ross School and at the University of Michigan. She is chair of the Management and Organizations area, has been a member or chair of many Ross School committees including its research committee and executive committee. For 12 years she was co-director of the Rackham Interdisciplinary Committee on Organizational Studies (ICOS), which works to enhance the strength of the university as the world’s leading center for interdisciplinary research and scholarship on organizations. She also provides leadership through her service on the Board of Directors of Kelly Services, her service on the Board of Governors of the Academy of Management, and through her service on eight editorial boards for management-related journals.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Dutton wishes to be named the Robert L. Kahn Distinguished University Professor of Business Administration and Psychology.

Robert L. Kahn was born in Detroit in 1918. He entered the University of Michigan in 1935 intending to study dentistry. Inspired by teachers in the English department, he set his aspirations on becoming a university professor. He was introduced to social science through a part-time interviewing job and moved on to be the State Supervisor for the Michigan Unemployment Survey. The Washington office recognized his talent and we was asked to join the Census Bureau. From this position he developed an interest in the social sciences. Dr. Kahn joined the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan in 1948 and in 1952 received his Ph.D. in the newly formed program in Social Psychology. In his career at the Institute for Social Research he served as Program Director for the Survey Research Institute and, in 1970, became the ISR Director. He has been a pioneer in survey research, organizational studies, and the study of aging. While he has been retired for many years, he continues his research. He is Professor Emeritus at UM, has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences (Stanford), and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (Wassenar). He is a Fellow in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Association for the Advancement of science.

The appointment of Professor Jane E. Dutton as the Robert L. Kahn Distinguished University Professor of Business Administration and Psychology, effective September 1, 2007, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Joyce E. Penner

CURRENT TITLES: Aksel Wiin-Nielson Collegiate Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, and Professor of Atmospheric Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Ralph J. Cicerone Distinguished University Professor of Atmospheric Science, and Professor of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Joyce E. Penner as the Ralph J. Cicerone Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science, effective September 1, 2007. Professor Penner is recognized as the leading international expert on the effect of aerosols on the climate system.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual — preferably one associated with the University — in the scholar's same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Penner earned her B.A. in mathematics from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1970 and her Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Harvard University in 1977. From 1977 through 1996 she worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1996.

Professor Penner’s work has had a major influence on the study of tropospheric chemical cycles. She has worked to understand the sulfur system in the troposphere and its relation to climate and climate change and has had a major effect in understanding how climate has changed over the last hundred years. She has worked to develop a method to treat the role of aerosols in ice formation in the atmosphere, a new area of research that will likely produce a significant new understanding of how aerosols interact in the atmosphere with the formation of ice.

Professor Penner has also made exceptional contributions to teaching and service. She played a key role in the development of a new undergraduate curriculum in her department and led the development of a new graduate curriculum. She has served on departmental committees, on the Executive Committee of the UM Institute for Environmental Science and Technology, the Vice President for Research’s Advisory Council, the Graham Environmental Sustainability Executive Committee, the College of Engineering’s Committee on Advanced Computing, and the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Female Faculty.
Professor Penner has made remarkable contributions at national and international levels, leading and participating in a range of panels, advisory committees, and editorial boards. She has greatly advanced the recognition of the import effects of aerosols on climate, not only through her research, but by organizing meetings highlighting the topic, including the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science Symposium on Aerosols and Climate for the 2001 Assembly.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Penner wishes to be named the Ralph J. Cicerone Distinguished University Professor of Atmospheric Science.

Ralph J. Cicerone, president of the National Academy of Science, is an atmospheric scientist whose research in atmospheric chemistry and climate change has involved him in shaping science and environmental policy at the highest levels nationally and internationally. His research was recognized on the citation for the 1995 Nobel Prize in chemistry awarded to University of California, Irvine colleague F. Sherwood Rowland. The Franklin Institute recognized his fundamental contributions to the understanding of greenhouse gases and ozone depletion by selecting Cicerone as the 1999 laureate for the Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science. During his early career at the University of Michigan, Cicerone was a research scientist and held faculty positions in electrical and computer engineering. In 1978 he joined the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego as a research chemist. From 1980 to 1989, he was a senior scientist and director of the atmospheric chemistry division at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. In 1989 he was appointed the Daniel G. Aldrich Professor of Earth System Science at the University of California, Irvine and chaired the department of earth system science from 1989 to 1994. While serving as dean of physical sciences for the next four years, he brought outstanding faculty to the school and strengthened its curriculum and outreach programs. Prior to his election as Academy president, Cicerone was the chancellor of the University of California, Irvine from 1998 to 2005.

The appointment of Professor Joyce E. Penner as the Ralph J. Cicerone Distinguished University Professor of Atmospheric Science, effective September 1, 2007, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School, 
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs 
and Chair, Advisory Committee on 
Distinguished University Professorships

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

July 2007
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Henry T. Wright as the Albert Clanton Spaulding Distinguished University Professor of Anthropology effective September 1, 2007. Professor Wright is a brilliant scholar with unusually deep and wide-ranging interests. A MacArthur Fellow and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, he is world leader in archaeology.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual – preferably one associated with the University – in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Wright graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 with an A.B. (with Honors in Anthropology) and received a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Chicago in 1967. He returned to the University of Michigan upon completion of his doctorate and has remained at the university since as Curator of Near Eastern Archaeology in the Museum of Anthropology. His wide-ranging intellectual interests have involved field work throughout the world, in the Middle East (Iraq, Syria, Iran, Turkey, and Egypt), East Asia (China and Khazakstan), North America (the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Mexico) and the Indian Ocean (Kenya, Madagascar and the Comoro Islands). The primary object of his research has been the emergence of social hierarchy and the formation of states. He has also addressed many other questions about cultural evolution, human settlement patterns, and historical ecology. His ability to develop comparisons and syntheses from his many projects has made his writings hugely influential for the study of settlement systems, state formation, and historical ecology anywhere in the world. He made early contributions to the use of computer simulation in understanding complex cultural transformations, and continues work in this area as a member of the Science Board and the External Faculty of the Santa Fe Institute.

Professor Wright has also contributed in diverse ways to the Department of Anthropology at the University of Michigan. He is an exciting teacher, as his evaluation scores attest, and has inspired many
students to pursue careers in archaeology. He creates institutional connections to promote scholarly exchange and has been active in the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, the Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, and the joint Ph.D. program in Anthropology and History. Outside the university, his long-time service on the National Geographic Society’s Committee for Research and Exploration has fostered research for scholars in North America, in Europe, and in Africa and Asia. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and a Foreign Associate of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and has received numerous honors from the University of Michigan, including a Faculty Achievement Award and a Collegiate Professorship.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Wright wishes to be named the Albert Clanton Spaulding Distinguished University Professor of Anthropology.

American archaeologist Albert Spaulding (1914-1990) argued that one could rigorously define cultures as systems of interrelated dimensions and variables. This has the greatest use in establishing artifact typologies, which are used to characterize particular cultural groups. Professor Spaulding was one of the first and staunchest users of statistics and quantitative methods in archaeology. Professor Spaulding was trained at Montana State University (B.A. 1935), the University of Michigan (M.A. 1937) and Columbia University (Ph.D. 1946). He was a Professor and Curator of Archaeology at the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology from 1947 to 1960. He was closely associated with the National Science Foundation, where he was Director of Anthropology during the 1960s, and the University of California Santa Barbara, where he was Dean of the College of Arts and Letters from 1967 to 1971.

The appointment of Professor Henry T. Wright as the Albert Clanton Spaulding Distinguished University Professor of Anthropology, effective September 1, 2007, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Janet A. Weiss  
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships  

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Yu Xie

CURRENT TITLES: Otis Dudley Duncan Collegiate Professor of Sociology, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature Science and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor of Sociology, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Yu Xie as the Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor of Sociology, effective September 1, 2007. Professor Xie is not only one of the leading sociologists of his generation; he is also a dedicated and effective teacher as well as a conscientious and selfless colleague.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual – preferably one associated with the University – in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Currently the Otis Dudley Duncan Professor of Sociology, Professor Xie has made original and significant contributions to the study of social stratification across a remarkably diverse range of social settings, having examined the determinants of economic inequality in China, the sources of gender inequality within scientific careers, and the socioeconomic outcomes of U.S. immigrant populations.

Professor Xie’s extraordinary record of scholarship has yielded a steady stream of prestigious awards and honors. One of only four sociologists to be awarded a highly competitive NSF Young Investigator Award, Professor Xie has also received a Guggenheim Fellowship, been elected to the Sociological Research Association and has recently been admitted to both the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and China’s highly selective Academic Sinica, the only faculty member at Michigan so honored.

Professor Xie is also a legendary teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, is noted as an exceptional mentor, and has been active in service roles in the department.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Xie wishes to be named the Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor of Sociology.

Otis Dudley Duncan was born on December 2, 1921 in Nocona, Texas and grew up in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He completed a BA at Louisiana State University in 1941, and an MA at the University of
Minnesota in 1942. He then served three years in the United States Army during World War II before completing his PhD in sociology at the University of Chicago in 1949. He was on the faculty in the Departments of Sociology at The Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Wisconsin, the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, the University of Arizona, and the University of California, Santa Barbara, from which he retired in 1987. He died in 2004. Professor Duncan was one of the most influential sociologists in history. He was instrumental in transforming mainstream American sociology into a quantitatively-based empirical social science in the second half of the twentieth century. His key scholarly contributions include the introduction of path analysis to sociology; the measurement of occupational socioeconomic standing with the Duncan Socioeconomic Index; the study of intergenerational occupational mobility; the spatial analysis of residential patterns; the application and advancement of loglinear models and Rasch models for categorical social science data; and a landmark treatise on social measurement.

The appointment of Professor Yu Xie as the Otis Dudley Duncan Distinguished University Professor of Sociology, effective September 1, 2007, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education, his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond, and his efforts to continue a distinguished sociological/demographic tradition that Duncan established at the University of Michigan. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: Janet A. Weiss
RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Establish a New Academic Administrative Position

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Dean for Development and External Relations

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2007

The Dean and the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee request approval to establish the position of assistant dean for development and external relations, effective September 1, 2007.

The assistant dean for development and external relations will be considered a senior administrative official responsible for the design, planning, implementation, and evaluation of the School’s development and external relations program. The assistant dean will advise, support, coordinate, and collaborate on all strategies with the Dean. He/she will also organize, problem solve, raise issues, and integrate initiatives and actions for the Dean. The assistant dean will act as an executive liaison to ensure successful implementation of all development and external relations priorities.

Duties will include, but are not limited to the following: serve as chief development officer for the School, responsible for conducting a comprehensive major gift fundraising plan; identify, assess, analyze and conceive appropriate strategies for approaching prospects whose interests match with program and curricular needs within the School; identify new opportunities for external funding and broaden existing relationships with donors; guide funding proposals for suitable initiatives; nurture strong partnerships between the School and representatives of these foundations; manage volunteer identification, recruitment, training, and involvement in fund raising activities for the School; administer related fund raising and stewardship activities for the School including donor events, scholarship events, and volunteer meetings.

The assistant dean will also be responsible for developing a comprehensive external communications strategy for the School. He/she will provide leadership on all public relations issues for the School, including events promotion, publications, marketing, media relations, and key messages. He/she will devise a strategy for public messages, crisis management, major announcements, and overall programmatic direction for the School, and advise the Dean on appropriate action steps.

The assistant dean will represent the School and the University at designated functions as required, including public speaking engagements; lead and supervise employees who are responsible for major gifts, annual giving, alumni relations, publications, public relations, gift processing/acknowledgment/reporting, donor research, and events; manage the budget for development and external relations priorities; plan, direct and support the solicitation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance prospects by the Dean, President, Provost, Vice President for Development, and other faculty and senior administrators. He/she will work closely with the Office of University Development on prospect coordination issues and in setting priorities for major and planned gift fieldwork, and with the Office of the Vice President for Communications on matters of external relations on behalf of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

Recommended by:

Christopher W. Kendall, Dean
School of Music, Theatre & Dance

July 2007
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Nisha J. D'Silva, BDS, MSD, PhD as the Donald A. Kerr Endowed Collegiate Professor of Oral Pathology effective September 1, 2007, for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

This professorship is named for Dr. Donald A. Kerr who played a key role in the development of the School of Dentistry during his 40 years as a distinguished member of the dental faculty. He was an internationally recognized authority in the field of oral pathology and developed a successful program for the management of irradiated oral cancer patients.

Professor D'Silva received her Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1987, from the University of Bombay, India, and her Master of Science Degree in 1990, from the University of Indiana. In 1998, she received her Doctorate from the University of Washington, as well as, a certificate in Dental Education for the care of the Disabled. (DECOD)

Also in 1998, Professor D'Silva was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Oral Medicine, Pathology, and Oncology at the School of Dentistry. In 2002, she was appointed director of the Head and Neck Cancer Tissue Core, at the University of Michigan Cancer Center. In 2005, she was reassigned to the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine. In 2006, she began a dual appointment as an assistant professor in both the Department of Pathology, Medical School and in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry and has most recently been promoted to associate professor of dentistry, with tenure, effective September 1, 2007. Professor D'Silva is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. She also serves as director of the School of Dentistry’s Oral Biopsy Service.
Professor D’Silva has developed expertise in a specialized area of oral cancer. Her work aims at deciphering the molecular pathogenesis of aggressive oral cancers. Professor D’Silva has been very successful in obtaining outside funding and has been awarded 11 grants from internal and external sources. Currently, she is funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) where she is a PI on an R03 award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, a co-investigator on an RO1 award also from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, and an integral member/investigator in the NIH National Cancer Institute specialized program of research excellence (SPORE) in head and neck cancer at Michigan, in addition to several other collaborative projects. She has also received support from University programs. Her ability to obtain continued funding from external sources is an excellent indication of the respect she has gained from the scientific community.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Professor Nisha J. D’Silva as the Donald A. Kerr Endowed Collegiate Professor of Oral Pathology, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by: 

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

Recommendation endorsed by: 

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

James O. Woolliscroft, MD
Dean, Medical School

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Daniel C. Fisher

CURRENT TITLES: Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professor of Paleontology, Professor of Geological Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professor of Paleontology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Daniel C. Fisher as the Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professor of Paleontology for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Claude Hibbard was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1946 until his death in 1973. The Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professorship in Paleontology was established by the Regents in July 2002. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Daniel Fisher attended Harvard University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in 1971, Master of Arts in 1972, and Doctorate in 1975. Professor Fisher began his teaching career as an instructor at the University of Rochester in 1975 and was promoted to assistant professor that same year. He was also appointed as a research associate at the Field Museum of Natural History in 1976. He joined our faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor and assistant curator; he was promoted through the ranks to professor and curator in 1992. He has also held a title as professor, without tenure, in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology since 2001 (formerly Department of Biology where he held a courtesy appointment since 1982).

Professor Fisher has unusually broad research interests reflected in his ongoing studies of life history (biology) extracted from the tusks of fossil mastodons (paleontology) using the structure of the teeth (involving colleagues in the School of Dentistry) and stable isotopes (geochemistry). The geographic span of his studies includes the Great Lakes region, where he has long worked with a broad network of archaeologists, and Siberia, where he has worked with Dutch and Russian
colleagues for the past five years. He has published 18 scholarly papers since his appointment to the collegiate professorship.

Professor Fisher is an exceptional teacher who has long had sole responsibility for a core course covering the breadth of paleontology and paleobiology. He has attracted and trained some of the department’s most successful graduate students. He has supervised the research of 50 undergraduate students since 2002 and was awarded Outstanding Research Mentor by the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program in 2003. He has also supervised the dissertation research of two students and was a member of the dissertation committee for another seventeen students since 2002.

Professor Fisher’s departmental and museum service, as well as service to the University, have been generous and outstanding. He has carried out his responsibilities with the same engagement and rigor that characterizes his science and teaching. He has been associate editor of Current Research in the Pleistocene since 1993.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Daniel C. Fisher as the Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professor of Paleontology for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by:  Recommendation endorsed by:

Terrence J. McDonald                                  Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor                           Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Professor of History and Dean                        College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Tamas I. Gombosi

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences, Professor of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Rollin M. Gerstacker Professor of Engineering, Chair, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences, Professor of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Space Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents appoint Tamas I. Gombosi as the Rollin M. Gerstacker Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College.

Professor Gombosi received his M.S. (1970) and Ph.D. (1974) degrees in physics from Lóránd Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary. After receiving his Ph.D., he served in progressively responsible positions at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Professor Gombosi joined the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences (AOSS) as a postdoctoral scholar in 1979 and was appointed as an assistant research scientist (1982) and then associate research scientist (1985). Professor Gombosi assumed the position of associate professor in AOSS in 1987, was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 1990, and named chair in 2003.

Professor Gombosi’s research interests span across many areas of space and planetary physics. He has achieved international prominence for his work in the fields of cometary plasma physics, predictive global space weather simulations, and fundamental kinetic theory of gases and plasmas. With his colleagues at the University of Michigan, he developed the first time-dependent model of the terrestrial polar wind. Professor
Gombosi served as senior editor of the *Journal of Geophysical Research-Space Physics* from 1992 to 1997. Presently he is principal or co-principal investigator on research grants totaling approximately $2M per year and serves as director of the Center for Space Environment Modeling, a multi-departmental, interdisciplinary group of faculty, staff, and students. Professor Gombosi received the Stephen S. Attwood Award for Faculty Excellence in 2002.

Professor Gombosi's distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the College and the University.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Tamas I. Gombosi as the Rollin M. Gerstacker Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by: 

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

July 2007

Recommendation Endorsed By:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents appoint Jessy W. Grizzle as the Jerry W. and Carol L. Levin Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by a gift from Jerry W. Levin and Carol L. Levin to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College.

Jessy W. Grizzle received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1979, his M.S in engineering and his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin in 1980 and 1983, respectively. In 1984 he held an NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship in Science in Paris, France at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. In September 1987 he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and professor in 1994.

His research interests have often focused on theoretical aspects of nonlinear systems and control, including geometric methods for continuous- and discrete-time systems, and observer design in discrete-time. He has been a consultant in the automotive industry since 1986, where he jointly holds sixteen patents dealing with emissions reduction through improved controller design. His current interest in bipedal locomotion grew out of a sabbatical in Strasbourg, France. Professor Grizzle was elected Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in 1997. His awards include: with K.L. Dobbins and J.A. Cook (Ford Motor Company), 1992 Paper of the Year Award from the IEEE Vehicular Technology Society; with G. Abba (University of Metz, France) and F. Plestan (Ecole Centrale, Nantes, France), the 2002 Axelby Award from the IEEE Control Systems Society; and with J. Sun (University of Michigan) and J. Cook (Ford Motor Company), the 2003 IEEE Control Systems Society Technology Award. He has

Professor Grizzle’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the College and the University.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jessy W. Grizzle as the Jerry W. and Carol L. Levin Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation Endorsed By:  

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of an Administrative Appointment

NAME: Gloria A. Hage

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Vice President and General Counsel

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Interim Vice President and General Counsel, and Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Vice President and General Counsel

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2007

It is with distinct pleasure that I recommend the appointment of Gloria A. Hage to the position of interim vice president and general counsel, effective August 1, 2007. Associate Vice President Hage will continue to hold her current title of associate vice president and deputy general counsel while serving as interim vice president.

As interim vice president and general counsel, Ms. Hage will serve as the chief legal officer for the University and will oversee the management of the University’s legal affairs and the provision of legal services to the University. She will supervise the University’s legal staff and will advise the president and executive officers regarding legal matters facing the University.

Associate Vice President Hage earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English language and literature from the University of Michigan in 1983, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986. She was associate attorney with the firm Butzel Long from 1986 to 1992, with practice in labor and employment. In 1992 she joined the legal staff of the University as assistant general counsel, acting as the University’s lead attorney in labor, employment and benefits law. In 2002, she was appointed associate vice president and deputy general counsel, becoming a member of the management team overseeing the legal staff, outside counsel, and the budget. Her responsibilities include management of the University’s litigation portfolio, outside counsel budget and outside counsel relationships. Among her accomplishments are implementing innovative fee arrangements with law firms, resulting in significant cost reductions; designing and implementing a University program for benefits eligibility in response to the Michigan Court of Appeals decision; co-leading a University-wide wage-and-hour compliance study and implementing employee exempt status changes. She served as the lead attorney on retiree benefits changes and was a team member managing...
the sale of M-Care. Ms. Hage is a faculty member of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Associate Vice President Hage brings to her role as interim vice president excellent understanding of the legal dimensions of the University's work, a thoughtful and rigorous approach to legal issues, the demonstrated ability to provide insightful and clearly communicated counsel, and excellent administrative and management skills.

On the basis of the depth and range of her experience and her outstanding ability as attorney and administrator, I recommend with great pleasure the appointment of Gloria A. Hage as interim vice president and general counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sue Coleman
President

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: John P. Hayes

CURRENT TITLES: Claude E. Shannon Professor of Engineering Science and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Claude E. Shannon Professor of Engineering Science

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents approve the reappointment of John P. Hayes as the Claude E. Shannon Professor of Engineering Science, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established in April 1999 to recognize Professor Shannon’s landmark contributions to the development of twentieth century technological thought.

Professor Hayes received his B.E. degree from University College, Dublin, Ireland in 1965. He then received M.S. (1967) and Ph.D. (1970) degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After working as a systems engineer at the Shell Benelux Computing Center, Professor Hayes joined the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles as an assistant professor in 1972, was promoted to associate professor and tenured in 1977, and promoted to professor in 1982. Professor Hayes joined the faculty of UM’s College of Engineering in 1982, where he has since been engaged in teaching and research in the areas of digital system design, computer architecture and reliability, VLSI circuits, and quantum computing.

Professor Hayes is the author of seven books and 200 refereed papers, has managed externally funded research projects at Michigan valued at several million dollars, and has received numerous honors for his teaching, research and service including UM’s Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1999. He was the founding director of CoE’s Advanced Computer Architecture Laboratory (ACAL).

Professor Hayes’ distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John P. Hayes as the Claude E. Shannon Professor of Engineering Science, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended By: Recommendation Endorsed By:

David C. Munson, Jr. Teresa A. Sullivan
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
College of Engineering

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Daniel J. Klionsky

CURRENT TITLES: Abram Sager Collegiate Professor of Life Sciences, Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Biological Chemistry, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Alexander G. Ruthven Professor of Life Sciences, Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Biological Chemistry, without tenure, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012

With the approval of the executive committees of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; and the Life Sciences Institute where Professor Klionsky holds an appointment as a research professor, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend that Daniel J. Klionsky be appointed as the Alexander G. Ruthven Professor of Life Sciences, for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012. This appointment would entail the termination of Professor Klionsky’s current appointment as the Abram Sager Collegiate Professor of Life Sciences.

Alexander G. Ruthven, president emeritus, served as president of the University of Michigan from 1929 to 1951. The Alexander G. Ruthven Professorship in Life Sciences was established by the Regents in June 2007. Funding for this professorship will be provided by gift funds designated by President Mary Sue Coleman.

Daniel Klionsky earned his Bachelor of Arts at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1980 and his Doctorate at Stanford University in 1986. After four years of postdoctoral training at the California Institute of Technology, Professor Klionsky began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of California, Davis, in 1990. He was promoted to associate professor in microbiology in 1994 and professor in 1997. Professor Klionsky was a fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in 1997-1998. In 2000, he joined the University of Michigan as a professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and was appointed professor of biological chemistry in the Medical School in 2001.

Professor Klionsky has a distinguished record of publication and scientific discovery. He is the author of over 100 scholarly articles and essays published in the most prestigious biomedical journals. He has presented at over 50 invited lectures and seminars over the past fifteen years at major conferences in the United States, Japan, Germany, the Netherlands, Australia and France. He holds two biomedical patents.
Professor Klionsky is an extremely creative cell biologist who studies how proteins are moved around cells and how the organelles, machines within the cells, develop and do their work. Sorting the proteins out so that they go to the proper organelle and do the right job is essential to the proper functioning of the cell, but little is understood about it. His work also explores “autophagy,” the main protein disassembly and recycling system inside the cell, and how it responds to starvation conditions by cannibalizing parts of the cell. This work offers intriguing clues into a variety of human diseases, including cancer, cardiomyopathy (weakening and enlargement of the heart), and neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s.

Professor Klionsky has received national recognition for his innovative teaching style of undergraduate biology called “active learning.” This unique method of teaching, where textbooks are optional, focuses on distributing his lecture notes to the class, lecturing on the topic and then quizzing the class the following day. In 2003, Professor Klionsky was named a Distinguished Teaching Scholar by the National Science Foundation. In 2006, he was named an Education Mentor in the Life Sciences by the National Academies and he also received a $1.5 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to promote innovative teaching of introductory science at research universities.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Daniel J. Klionsky as the Alexander G. Ruthven Professor of Life Sciences, for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012.

Recommended by:  

Alan R. Saltiel  
Director, Life Sciences Institute

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

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

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Howard M. Sandler, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Urology, without tenure, and Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Professor of Urology, without tenure; Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure, and Newman Family Professor of Radiation Oncology

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 19, 2007 through August 31, 2012

On the recommendation of Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., the Isadore Lampe Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Howard M. Sandler, M.D., as the Newman Family Professor of Radiation Oncology, effective July 19, 2007.

This professorship was established in 2000 through a generous gift and pledge from the Newman Family Foundation and Dr. Max Karl Newman, and intended to support the activities of a prominent educator and investigator in the field of radiation oncology.

Dr. Sandler received the M.D. degree from the University of Connecticut and also holds the M.S. degree in physics from that institution. He completed his residency training in radiation oncology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Sandler joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology in 1989, and advanced through the academic ranks to achieve his current title of Professor of Radiation Oncology in 2001. He received a secondary appointment as Professor of Urology in 2003.

Dr. Sandler is a nationally and internationally recognized radiation oncologist who studies prostate cancer and malignant gliomas. His contributions to pioneering high dose external beam treatment and the use of gold fiducial markers to track prostate location during therapy have placed the University of Michigan at the forefront in the treatment of prostate cancer. In collaboration with a medical technology company, Dr. Sandler was instrumental in developing the first-to-market wireless electromagnetic
prostate tracking device. He was awarded a grant from the National Cancer Institute to study prostate motion issues. Additionally, Dr. Sandler is one of the principal investigators in the phase III, North American trials of adjuvant chemotherapy radiotherapy. He has been on numerous advisory panels and his expertise is further recognized through his role as chair of the Genitourinary Committee of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

Dr. Sandler is a leader in the field of conformal radiotherapy of prostate cancer. His dedication to his profession and to his patients makes him an ideal candidate for this prestigious title. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Howard M. Sandler, M.D., as the Newman Family Professor of Radiation Oncology.

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

July 2007
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents approve the appointment of Jianjun (Jan) Shi as the G. Lawton and Louise G. Johnson Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by Louise G. Johnson in 1990 to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College.

Professor Shi received his B.S. and M.S. from the Beijing Institute of Technology in 1984 and 1987, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1992. He started his career at the University of Michigan in 1993 as an assistant research scientist, was promoted to assistant professor in 1995, associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2003. He also currently is the co-director of the Master of Engineering in Global Automotive and Manufacturing Engineering program and director of the Program in Manufacturing. His research interests include manufacturing systems, quality engineering, process monitoring, diagnosis, control, in-process quality improvement, decision-making, variation modeling and analysis, and healthcare applications. Professor Shi has served as the principal investigator for more than $7.5 million in grants/contracts, and a co-principal of an additional $7.3 million in grants/contracts since 1995.

Professor Shi’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the College and the University.
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jianjun (Jan) Shi as the G. Lawton and Louise G. Johnson Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation Endorsed By:

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

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Titled Professorship

NAME: Alfred William Brian Simpson

CURRENT TITLES: Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law

TERM: Five Years, renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Law School respectfully requests that the Regents reappoint Professor Alfred William Brian Simpson as the Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

The Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professorship was established in the Law School in 1987 and was created pursuant to the bequest of Edith J. Clyne, the widow of Charles F. Clyne, a member of the Law School Class of 1902. The Professorship is funded by an endowment from the estate of Edith J. Clyne.

Professor Simpson received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Queen’s College, Oxford. His first academic appointments were as a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, and as a University Lecturer at Oxford. He has also served at the University of Dalhousie (Visiting Professor) and the University of Ghana (Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law) before being appointed Professor of Law at the University of Kent where he served a term as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. He was a Professor at the University of Chicago Law School before being appointed as the Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law in 1987. His distinction as a scholar has been recognized by the award of a D.C.L. (Oxon.) and by his elections to the Council of the Selden Society and as a Fellow of the British Academy. In 1995 he was made an Honorary Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford.

Professor Simpson’s scholarship is of the highest order. He combines astonishing breadth with great rigor. Professor Simpson is an international figure in jurisprudence and the history of the common law. In the last decade he has become prominent in the study of human rights. Professor Simpson has recently published his ninth book, Human Rights and the End of Empire: Britain and the Genesis of the European Convention. His most recent articles range from a discussion of economic theory to work on the European Convention on Human Rights.
The first twenty years of Professor Simpson's appointment as the Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law have been marked by the high quality of work that supported the appointment. His service as both a teacher and a scholar has been extraordinary. His reappointment, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012, is recommended with great enthusiasm.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Evan H. Caminker  
Dean, Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: John H. Vandermeer

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Margaret Davis Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, without tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Margaret Davis Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of John H. Vandermeer as the Margaret Davis Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Margaret Davis was a faculty member and research associate at the University of Michigan from 1960 to 1973. The Margaret Davis Collegiate Professorship in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology was established by the Regents in May 2002. A stipend funded from college resources will accompany this professorship.

John Vandermeer received his Doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1969, and was a Sloan Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago. After a brief appointment as assistant professor at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, he joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 1970, and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1981. In 1982, he was awarded the National Science Foundation EVST Interdisciplinary Incentive Award, and was a Fulbright Scholar in 1986 and 1996. He has also held several visiting appointments.

Professor Vandermeer’s scholarship has been in three major areas of ecology: theoretical ecology, tropical rain forest ecology, and agricultural ecology. It is remarkable indeed that he has pursued these disparate areas of study on a regular basis throughout his career and made seminal contribution to all three. Even more remarkable is his ability to integrate between them. He has been extraordinarily productive with nine books (both popular and academic), over 140 scholarly
articles and book chapters, and numerous other articles communicating scientific concerns to the public. Since his initial appointment as a collegiate professor, Professor Vandermeer has continued his prolific pace of publication with two new books and 21 new peer-reviewed manuscripts appearing during this period. His strong service contributions have continued unabated, most recently including a lead role in organizing the Universities Theme Semester on Evolution and currently serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Professor Vandermeer has an outstanding teaching record that was recognized in 1994 with an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship and again in 1996 with a Margaret and Herman Sokol Award. His former students include professors of ecology, but also professors of agroecology, environmental sociology, history, and culture. They also occupy many positions outside academia, including co-director of a think tank on international food and development policy, coordinator of a Latin American program on pesticide action, analyst at the Institute for Consumer Policy Studies, and epidemiologist at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

For Professor Vandermeer, service means more than being a committee member or doing a task when asked, although he does that in full measure and he does that well. He believes passionately that science done in the department is important to society and we need to make every effort to widen its impact by teaching more, training more students, increasing the visibility of the department, generating more ties with other units in the University, and speaking out in public about science-related issues. He often writes editorials and letters for the Ann Arbor News on biological and environmental issues.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of John H. Vandermeer as the Margaret Davis Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Terrence J. McDonald, Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Rosina M. Bierbaum, Dean
School of Natural Resources and Environment

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Bram van Leer

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

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents approve the appointment of Bram van Leer as the Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by Arthur B. Modine by will bequest in 1985 to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College, with particular emphasis on heat transfer.

Professor van Leer received his Doctorandus in 1966 and Ph.D. in 1970 from Leiden State University in the Netherlands. He joined the University of Michigan as a Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, in 1986. Professor van Leer’s research involves algorithm development and numerical simulations for a variety of physical problems, including aerodynamics, space plasma physics, hydraulics, aeroacoustics, combustion, structural dynamics, space propulsion, hypersonics, and microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) flows. Other areas of interest include high-performance computing and computational fluid dynamics.

Professor van Leer’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the College and the University.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Bram van Leer as the Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended by:

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

July 2007

Recommendation Endorsed By:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Titled Professorship

NAME: Lawrence W. Waggoner

CURRENT TITLES: Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law

TERM: Five Years, renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Law School respectfully requests that the Regents reappoint Professor Lawrence W. Waggoner as the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

The Lewis M. Simes Professorship was established in the Law School in 1981. Professor Simes was a member of the Law School faculty from 1931 to 1959. During that time he earned a reputation as one of the nation's pre-eminent legal scholars. Professor Simes' distinction was recognized by the Regents in 1947 when he was named the Floyd Russell Mechem University Professor of Law. The Simes Professorship is supported by the Distinguished University Professorship fund.

Professor Waggoner earned his B.B.A. at the University of Cincinnati, his J.D. at the University of Michigan, and a D.Phil. at Oxford. He began his teaching career at the University of Illinois, moved to the University of Virginia, and has been a member of the University of Michigan faculty since 1974. He was appointed the James V. Campbell Professor of Law in 1984 and the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law in 1987.

Like Professor Simes, Professor Waggoner is a pre-eminent scholar in the field of trusts and estates. He is nationally respected for his grasp of this technical and complex area of the law, for his sensitivity to the practical problems that drive its doctrine, and for his ability to conceptualize and articulate important reforms. In addition to a remarkable number of lectures, case books, and articles, Professor Waggoner has played an extremely active role in law reform. He has served as Reporter of the Restatement Third of Property: Wills and Other Donative Transfers, as well as Advisor to both the Restatement Third of Trusts and the Restatement Second of Property, Donative Transfers. For the past sixteen years Professor Waggoner has served as the Director of
Research for the Joint Editorial Board for the Uniform Trust and Estate Acts. In addition to this post, he has served as Reporter for the Uniform Act on Intestacy, Wills, and Donative Transfers; the Revised Uniform Testamentary Additions to Trusts Act; the Revised Uniform Simultaneous Death Act; the Article II Revisions to the Uniform Probate Code; and the Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities.

Professor Waggoner's work in bringing the most sophisticated legal scholarship to bear on modern law revision projects extends a great tradition. It is a matter of pleasure and pride to recommend his reappointment as the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Shaomeng Wang, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy; Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure; Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy; Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, and Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor in Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 19, 2007 through August 31, 2012

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Shaomeng Wang, Ph.D., as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor in Medicine, effective July 19, 2007.

This professorship was made possible through an endowment from the Warner-Lambert Company in 1993. Monies generated from the initial endowment reached a sufficient funding level to permit the establishment of two additional professorships in 2006 to support Medical School investigators in scientific research in the fields of basic chemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, genetics and/or human gene therapy.

Dr. Wang received the Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Case Western Reserve University in 1992 and completed his postdoctoral training at the National Cancer Institute. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2001 as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Associate Professor of Pharmacology in the Medical School and Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy. He was promoted to the Professor rank in 2006.

Dr. Wang is one of the leading investigators in the area of drug discovery in the nation. He is a talented and dedicated scientist in the pursuit of discovering novel therapeutic agents vital to our mission to help cancer patients. Dr. Wang was recruited to the University of Michigan to develop a new program in anticancer drug discovery within
the Comprehensive Cancer Institute. As co-director of the Molecular Therapeutics Program, he has assembled a large team of computational chemists, medicinal chemists, biochemists, structural biologists, cell and tumor biologists with a goal of creating “designer drugs” which target aberrant signaling pathways in cancer cells. Dr. Wang’s bibliography reflects over 130 peer-reviewed articles, published or accepted, as well as numerous abstracts, presentations and book chapters, and reviews. He has been very successful in obtaining funding for his research program and currently serves as principal investigator on numerous federal, foundation, and corporate grant awards. His expertise is further recognized by the numerous invitations he receives to present his work at professional meetings and academic institutions.

Dr. Wang is a highly versatile and imaginative medicinal chemist and a prolific contributor to research in computational biology and drug design. He is an ideal candidate for this prestigious title, and I am very pleased recommend his appointment as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor in Medicine.

Recommended by

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

Frank J. Accione, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
Dean, College of Pharmacy

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

July 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Ralph T. Yang

CURRENT TITLES: Dwight F. Benton Professor of Chemical Engineering and Professor of Chemical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Dwight F. Benton Professor of Chemical Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents approve the reappointment of Ralph T. Yang as the Dwight F. Benton Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established in 1983 by a bequest from Dwight F. Benton, a 1923 graduate of the College, to support a distinguished faculty member.

Professor Yang received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the National Taiwan University in 1964. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, also in chemical engineering, from Yale University in 1968 and 1971, respectively.

Following appointments in industry and national laboratories and service as a program director at the National Science Foundation, Professor Yang joined the faculty of the State University of New York at Buffalo. He served as chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering there from 1989 until 1995 when he moved to the University of Michigan as professor and chair of Chemical Engineering.

Professor Yang’s areas of expertise are in adsorption, catalysis, and carbon. He has written and published two well-known books and over 300 refereed journal articles. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and has received several prestigious awards in recognition of his contributions to chemical engineering.

Professor Yang’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. I am pleased to recommend his reappointment as the Dwight F. Benton Professor of Chemical Engineering, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

Recommended By: 

Recommendation Endorsed By:

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

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

July 2007
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

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

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: William I. Grosky

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Computer and Information Science, with tenure, and Chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science

TERM: Three Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, with the endorsement of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, recommend the reappointment of William I. Grosky as chair of the Department of Computer and Information Science, for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.

William I. Grosky received a B.S. in mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1965, followed by a M.S. in applied mathematics from Brown University and a Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from Yale in 1968 and 1971, respectively. During his 30 years in academia, 25 of them at Wayne State University, he rose steadily through the professorial ranks and from 1995 through 2000 served as interim chair of the Computer Science Department at Wayne State. Professor Grosky has served as chair of the Department of Computer and Information Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn since 2001 and has directed nearly 40 masters and doctoral thesis projects.

Professor Grosky’s research efforts have resulted in 28 sponsored grants and over 140 publications in books, refereed journals, and refereed conference proceedings. He is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and has served as editor, associate editor, or editorial board member for several professional journals. He has been a consultant to public and private agencies ranging from Argonne National Laboratories and the City of Detroit to Ford Motor Company and GMC Truck and Coach.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of William I. Grosky as chair of the Department of Computer and Information Science, for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn
July 2007
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Paul M. Hughes

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Philosophy, with tenure, Department of Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

The Department of Humanities, the dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, and the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, recommend the appointment of Paul M. Hughes as chair of the Department of Humanities, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Professor Hughes received a B.A. in 1980 in philosophy from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, a M.A. in 1982 and a Ph.D. in 1986 in philosophy both from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Professor Hughes joined the faculty of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters in 1987. He was promoted to associate professor of philosophy, with tenure, in September 1994 and to professor of philosophy in 2005. Among other service activities, he served as department chair in Humanities from 1998 to 2002, has been a member of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, and a member of the Masters in Liberal Studies Advisory Committee. Professor Hughes research in legal and moral philosophy has been published in Criminal Law Quarterly, The Southern Journal of Philosophy, Public Affairs Quarterly, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, and Journal of Social Philosophy. He is an outstanding teacher whose students praise his clearly organized and interesting lectures, as well as his emphasis on helping them learn how to become sensitive and disciplined thinkers.

I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul M. Hughes as chair of the Department of Humanities, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2007
The Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is pleased to recommend the appointment of Malayappan Shridhar as associate provost, for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.

Professor Shridhar received a B.Sc. in mathematics from Bombay University, a D.M.I.T. in instrumentation and control from Madras Institute of Technology, and a M.S. in electrical engineering from the Polytechnic University of New York. He received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Aston in Birmingham in 1969.

Since his appointment to the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1985, Professor Shridhar has served as chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for 21 years and has introduced new courses and programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has doubled the number of faculty and degree programs and significantly increased the research activity of his department. Professor Shridhar has served on the Rackham School of Graduate Studies and various search committees. He has successfully steered accreditation visits by ABET for the evaluation of undergraduate degree programs offered by his department.

Professor Shridhar is a member of the IEEE and is registered as a Professional Engineer in Ontario. He has consulted extensively for such organizations as Diffracto Ltd., Ford Motor Company, General Motors, United Parcel Service, TRW Financial, Computer Sciences Corporation, and Lear Corporation. He has obtained numerous research grants from several agencies including the U.S. Postal Service, National Science Foundation and TRW Automotive, and has published over 150 refereed journal articles and conference papers in the fields of controls, machine vision, image processing, and pattern recognition.

Professor Shridhar will be an effective leader in his role as associate provost. I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Malayappan Shridhar as associate provost, for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Richard O. Straub

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

TERM: Three Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010

The Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs is pleased to recommend the appointment of Richard O. Straub as associate provost, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Professor Straub received a B.S. in 1975 from Florida Southern College, a M.A. in 1976, a M.Phil. in 1978, and a Ph.D. in 1979 from Columbia University. He joined the faculty of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters in 1979 and has been a professor of psychology since 1998. Professor Straub has served as the Psychology Discipline Coordinator, on the Behavioral Sciences and the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committees, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, and as the chair of the department for twelve years. He was instrumental in developing the new Master of Science in Health Psychology Program, and served as the program's first director. He collaborated with Professor John Kotre on the highly acclaimed PBS television series, Seasons of Life, by writing an instructors manual and a course study guide for the telecourse that accompanied the series.

Professor Straub has worked in graduate and undergraduate medical education at Oakwood, Beaumont, Henry Ford, and several other teaching hospitals in southeast Michigan. He has numerous publications and his refereed articles have appeared in highly respected journals such as Health Psychology and Journal of Applied Social Psychology. Professor Straub’s outstanding teaching was recognized in 1982 with the University of Michigan-Dearborn Distinguished Teaching Award and in 2006 with the Alumni Society’s Faculty Member of the Year award.

Professor Straub will be an effective leader in his role as associate provost. I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Richard O. Straub as associate provost, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn
July 2007
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Endowed Named Professorship

NAME: Pankaj K. Mallick

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Computer Science

ADDITIONAL TITLE: William E. Stirton Professor

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012

On the recommendation of the University of Michigan-Dearborn William E. Stirton Selection Committee and the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Pankaj K. Mallick as the William E. Stirton Professor, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

The William E. Stirton Professorship was established in 1977 as a tribute to a distinguished educator and administrator who was an inspiration to students and faculty while at UM-D. The professorship recognizes distinguished scholarship, teaching, and professional activity. In accordance with prior practice at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (UM-D), the appointment to a Stirton Professorship is made for a non-renewable five-year term.

Professor Mallick received his B.E. degree in mechanical engineering in 1966 from Calcutta University. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1970 and 1973, respectively.

He joined the faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering as an assistant professor in 1979, was promoted to associate professor in 1984, and to professor in 1991. In 1997 he took on the responsibility of directorship of the interdisciplinary programs of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. His commitment to academic excellence is exemplary. He has developed and taught eighteen different courses taken by graduate and undergraduate students in the Automotive Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing Systems Engineering, and Science and Technology Studies programs. Professor Mallick has represented both the college and the mechanical engineering department through his service on many campus and college committees and other representative bodies, including the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Board. As director of Interdisciplinary Programs, he has been very effective in expanding the college’s research and teaching efforts into multidisciplinary areas of great interest to the university’s community stakeholders.
Professor Mallick is a researcher who understands the impact of automotive manufacturing processes on designing with composites and has successfully integrated the educational and industrial expectations to create a knowledge base for energy efficient, environmentally sound and structurally robust vehicles. He is an internationally recognized leader in particulate and short fiber composite processing. His publications demonstrate his collaboration and mentoring spirit where his first authors are his students and his colleagues. Professor Mallick continues to build relationships and research focus to advance the future of the US automotive industry at UM-D inspiring his students as well as his academic and industrial peers. Professor Mallick exemplifies what a teacher/scholar and leader should be. He is genuinely interested in student development and success, and has been a dedicated and inspirational mentor to many students over the years.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Pankaj K. Mallick as the William E. Stirton Professor, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn
July 2007
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
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jerry D. Sanders

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Biology, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences

TERM: Three Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Biology, recommend the appointment of Jerry D. Sanders as Chair of the Department of Biology, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Professor Sanders received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from East Texas State University in 1979 and 1985, respectively, and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in 1994. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 1998 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, he has served on the College of Arts and Sciences Summer Interim II Committee, Summer Science Faculty Participant for “Workshops on Wednesday,” and the Radhabai and Rajagopal Scholarship Committee.

Professor Sanders will be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jerry D. Sanders as Chair of the Department of Biology, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Recommended by:

D. J. Trela, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

Vahid Lotfi, Acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Jack Kay, Acting Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2007
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Juan E. Mestas

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Foreign Languages, with tenure, Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Michigan–Flint; Professor of Foreign Languages, with tenure, Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 17, 2008 through September 20, 2009

It is with appreciation that I recommend the appointment of Juan E. Mestas to the position of Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Michigan–Flint, effective April 17, 2008 through September 20, 2009. In this role, Dr. Mestas will report to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Michigan–Flint, and will serve as an advisor to the chancellor and the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs for the University of Michigan–Flint student housing project and on such other matters as they choose to seek his advice.

Dr. Mestas has been an outstanding and beloved chancellor, and his service in that capacity will be missed. He ably led the Flint campus and advanced its contributions to fulfilling the missions of the University of Michigan. One of Dr. Mestas’ most significant accomplishments as chancellor was to guide the campus, with great persistence and insight, to a decision on and development of an exciting plan for student housing. The creation of student housing represents a watershed moment for the University of Michigan–Flint; it has great implications for enhancement of the campus mission and creation of an even more dynamic learning environment. Dr. Mestas’ deep understanding of, and strong commitment to, this project will make him an excellent advisor to the chancellor and provost for implementation and launching of student housing and associated programming.

It is my great pleasure to recommend the appointment of Juan E. Mestas to the position of Special Advisor to the Chancellor and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Sue Coleman
President

July 2007