THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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

NAME: Charles L. Brooks III

TITLES: Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Chemistry, and Professor of Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Chemistry, the Program in Biophysics, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Charles L. Brooks III as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Chemistry for a five-year renewable term, professor of chemistry, with tenure, and professor of biophysics, with tenure, effective January 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Charles Brooks received his Bachelor of Science from Alma College in 1978 and his Doctorate from Purdue University in 1982.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following a three-year postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University, Professor Brooks began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in 1985. He was promoted through the ranks to professor before joining the Scripps Research Institute as a professor and member in 1994.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Brooks is perhaps the world's leader in computational molecular biophysics and he is a pioneer in the area of computational studies of protein folding and dynamics. He has made outstanding contributions to developing the most commonly used simulation program, CHARMM, and has been a leader in the development of simulation models that are now contained in all protein simulation computer programs. He has over 290 publications in source journals and is co-author of a well-known book on proteins. He has received numerous awards, including being elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
Professor Brooks rose through the ranks at Carnegie Mellon University in the Department of Chemistry where he was an active teacher. He has been a prolific research mentor with 32 postdoctoral fellows completing their training under his mentorship and fourteen currently in his group. Twelve doctoral students completed their degrees in his laboratory, and he is currently mentoring four students in the doctoral program at Scripps.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
"Brooks belongs to a rather elite group of theorists who have complete command of the entire toolbox of modern calculational methods in biophysics. ... Brooks is an extremely productive and influential scientist, as evidenced by the number of publications in high quality journals, his excellent citation record, and his numerous invitations to present seminars at universities and lectures at national and international meetings."

Reviewer (B)
"...Charlie has been an excellent mentor to numerous students and postdocs, as well as an excellent collaborator. His book on proteins is a must first-read for theory students in the area. ...I can highly recommend him for a senior faculty position in your department."

Reviewer (C)
"What has characterized Charley's work over the years is his scholarly approach to the field of biomacromolecular simulations. He has made many innovations in the methodology, but rather than just publish the new method, he will determine the limits and validate its accuracy."

Reviewer (D)
"Brooks is an outstanding protein dynamicist, and both his research discoveries and his involvement in the development of CHARMM have kept him on the forefront of computational biology and chemistry. ... I think he is a great choice!"

Reviewer (E)
"Charley is simply brilliant and you should do everything at your power to recruit him. ... Charlie in my opinion is the best protein simulator in the world. He has been a leader in all aspects of this field. ... Charlie is also a great communicator and teacher..."

Reviewer (F)
"Charlie's creativity, his insights, his high level of achievement, his deep understanding of problems both in quantum mechanics and in molecular dynamics of biological systems, and his clarity of thought and expression would beautifully complement...the theoretical expertise in the Department of Chemistry at Michigan, and would allow the Department to bridge strongly toward the live sciences..."
Reviewer (G)
"Professor Brooks is an expert in statistical mechanics, biophysics, and simulations of biological models. He approaches his research as a well-trained theoretical physical chemist. ...Brooks is a frequently invited speaker at National and International conferences. I have heard many of his lectures at these meetings, and am impressed with how logically they are organized and how clearly and lucidly they are presented."

PUBLICATIONS


SUMMARY

Professor Brooks is highly regarded by the most senior people in his field. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Charles L. Brooks III as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Chemistry for a five-year renewable term, professor of chemistry, with tenure, and professor of biophysics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2008.

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Yan Chen

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

It is recommended that Yan Chen, associate professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, be promoted to professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective January 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:
1995 Ph.D. California Institute of Technology, Social Science
1988 B.A. Tsinghua University, English for Science and Technology

Professional Record:
2002 – present Associate Professor, School of Information (tenure received 2003)
2004 – present Research Associate Professor, Institute for Social Research
2005 – present Associate Director, Smith Experimental Economics Research Center, Shanghai Jiaotong University
2001 to 2002 Fellow, Society of Scholars, University of Michigan Business School
1994 to 2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching – Professor Chen is a highly valued contributor to the School’s masters and doctoral instructional programs. She has developed and taught five different School of Information (SI) courses. These include one required course for all masters students and one required course for all those specializing in Information Economics, Management and Policy (IEMP). She introduced two new half-semester courses in the IEMP specialty, one on Public Goods and one on Matching Mechanisms, taking her research findings directly into the classroom. Her teaching ratings have steadily increased so that now she is one of the better teachers at SI. She also developed a new Ph.D. level course on experimental methods and taught it along with Professor Judy Olson, an experimental psychologist. Many of the experiments that students conducted under Professor Chen’s direction have turned into conference proceedings or journal papers for the students. In addition, she has been on nineteen dissertation committees, currently chair of four (in SI and Economics) and is a member on three others. She is also the coordinator for the IEMP curriculum and was one of three faculty members who developed a new specialization on Incentive Centered Design (ICD).

Scholarship – Professor Chen’s research goal is to “design systems or institutions that align participants’ (individual) incentives with overall system (social) goals….Careful attention to individual incentives can lead to vast improvements in systems and institutions.” (Chen, MacKie-Mason, and Resnick, 2005 document introducing the new ICD specialization at SI.) Her own statement says, “ICD takes a broader view of individual motivations for strategic behavior and draws on theories from psychology and sociology in addition to game theory. My work has evolved from exclusive game theoretic analysis of
economic mechanisms to a more interdisciplinary body of work in terms of problems addressed, research methods, as well as theories it draws upon."

For example, Professor Chen studied an approach that allows parents of Boston school children to avoid “gaming the system” by falsely reporting their preferences about the schools they want their children to attend; the matching algorithm used instead gives them the choices they really want (to keep them from gaming the system). In another study, she tested different ways to allocate a high-end scientific instrument to a group of scientists in a way that is fair to everyone and/or that optimizes use of the instrument. Her approach to problems such as these is to extract the essential elements, conduct laboratory-based studies, and then develop theoretical frameworks; the result is both important contributions to theoretical economics, which in turn has often led back to improved practice. For example, both the New York City and Boston school systems adopted her recommendations about school choice mechanisms, changing the way people state their preferences and the algorithm that does the matching. Since her promotion to tenure, Professor Chen has published seven new refereed journal publications, two new refereed conference publications, two new book chapters and three articles submitted to refereed journals.

Professor Chen has been PI or co-PI on four new NSF grants totaling over $1.3 million. These are unusually high numbers for the NSF economics program. She has collaborated successfully with people with different backgrounds at SI, including a psychologist, an archivist and people with computer science and social computing backgrounds. In addition, she has collaborated with researchers at the University of Minnesota and Carnegie Mellon.

Significant and Recent Publications:


Service – Professor Chen serves on School and University committees and is recognized for her outstanding service contributions to her field of research. She has served the School well, including several years on the doctoral committee and curriculum committee as well as being a specialization coordinator. She has been both general and program chair for a professional conference in her field and
serves on the executive committee for the Economic Science Association. In addition, she has strong ties to the Chinese academic community, including serving as the associate director of the first experimental economics laboratory in China.

External Reviewers:
Reviewer (A) “...Yan’s record is so strong that the case for promotion is easily made. ... The most important and distinguishing characteristic of Yan’s research is that she so often combines theory and experiments. While it makes her work more difficult and time consuming, it also means her work is deeper and has greater impact.”

Reviewer (B) “...[T]he real distinction is the way that the work straddles boundaries. ... it blends economic concepts with those from areas such as psychology. This kind of inter-disciplinary approach is as you might hope in the field of institutional design, but is unfortunately not the norm, perhaps because of the difficulty of pulling it off successfully. But Yan has had a good deal of success.”

Reviewer (C) “There are no quick and easy elements to Yan’s research agenda(s). She takes on important, difficult and technical problems and engages them until she masters them, making one important contribution after another. As a result, her research is widely recognized as pivotal in our field.”

Reviewer (D) “In my [previous] letter for Chen’s tenure I wrote that ‘I think that Chen is likely to be one of the most influential experimental economists of her generation.’ Evaluation of her recent CV suggests that the recent developments are consistent with my prediction.”

Reviewer (E) “...[S]he is highly respected in both experimental and theoretical economics, a feat few scholars have achieved. She is considered one of the shining lights in the burgeoning field of mechanism design. ... [H]er work can be viewed as truly interdisciplinary, rather than simply writing papers in different disciplines....I strongly urge the college to recommend Yan for promotion to full professor. She has an internationally recognized interdisciplinary research record; she is committed to her students and colleagues; and she is a consummate citizen of her department, her university, and her profession.”

Reviewer (F) “I could use another several pages to rave about Yan’s research prowess and how I view it as importantly influencing not only academic circles but also policy, but I think her record and approach speak for themselves: ‘Yan is an excellent scholar.’”

Reviewer (G) “...[I]t is not only the quality of publications but also the depth and breath [sic] of the work which is impressive. ... Yan applies game theory, social psychology, laboratory, and field experiments, computer simulation methods to diverse topics...”

Reviewer (H) “I recommend Dr. Chen strongly, enthusiastically, and with no reservations. I have much admiration for the research accomplishments of Dr. Chen, whom I consider as one of the best experimental economists in this country.”

Reviewer (I) “Her 2006 JET paper...had a good deal of practical influence before it was published. ... [W]e... launched what turned out to be a productive collaboration with [Boston Public Schools], allowing us to study in the field the kinds of things Chen... studied in the lab, and to help implement changes that, starting with the adoption of the new system in 2006, have improved the prospects facing Boston students and their parents. ...I recommend her promotion with great enthusiasm.”
Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Chen is a highly productive faculty member whose impact is being felt within SI, the University and the larger academic community both here and abroad. Her research on designing incentive systems for matching or bidding using theoretical economics and experimental studies is breaking new ground and makes her "one of the best experimental economist in the country." We are fortunate to have her. It is with the support of the School of Information Promotion and Tenure Committee that I most strongly recommend that Associate Professor Yan Chen be promoted to the rank of professor of information, with tenure, effective January 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Dean, School of Information

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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Action Request: Faculty Promotion Approval

Name: Rachel S. Goldman

Current Titles: Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Associate Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommended Titles: Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Effective Date: January 1, 2008

It is recommended that Rachel S. Goldman, associate professor of materials science and engineering, with tenure, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and associate professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, be promoted to professor of materials science and engineering, with tenure, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts effective January 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:
1995 Ph.D. University of California
1992 M.S. Cornell University
1988 B.S. University of Michigan

Professional Record:
2007 – Present
Associate Professor, Department of Physics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan

2006
Visiting Scientist, Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University

2005 – Present
Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, University of Michigan

2003 – Present
Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, University of Michigan

1997 – 2003
Assistant Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching – During her time here at the University of Michigan, Professor Goldman has taught graduate and undergraduate courses that span a broad cross section of the curriculum within the Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) department. Her teaching portfolio includes required courses as well as two new graduate elective courses which she developed: one in the area of materials in electronics and the other on nanomaterials for energy conversion. Her overall average Q1 and Q2 scores are 3.6 and 3.1, respectively. Based on letters from former and current students, it is apparent that Professor Goldman is passionate about teaching. She has very high standards and expects a great deal from her students. Student reviews
note that she cares a great deal about how much they learn. It is noteworthy that Professor Goldman was primarily responsible for establishing a research program for high school students who come to the campus of the University of Michigan to participate in research. This has been a successful program, reflected in part by the fact that some of these students have entered national competition. In addition to this program, Professor Goldman mentors many undergraduates to perform research in her laboratories each year. Professor Goldman is an enthusiastic educator.

Research – Professor Goldman’s research on optoelectronic materials, with a focus largely at the interface of the fields of materials science, physics and electrical engineering is internationally recognized. The letters, written by accomplished faculty from physics, electrical engineering and materials science departments, comment favorably on the impact of her work and identify her as one of the leaders in the field. Her publication record, external awards, invited lectures, and associate editorships of journals strongly support this assessment. She has over 50 papers in international-peer reviewed archival journals and an additional 11 papers in refereed conference proceedings. In addition, she has over 120 invited lectures and seminars at national and international conferences. Professor Goldman has developed internationally recognized programs in areas that range from core materials science topics such as diffusion, alloy formation and synthesis of low-dimensional materials to other cutting-edge areas, such as electronic states in nanostructures and self-assembly of quantum dots. Perhaps what is most impressive is for the last decade Professor Goldman has remained at the forefront by moving into new and exciting areas. It is expected that Professor Goldman will remain a leader in the field.

Significant Publications:


Service – Overall, Professor Goldman has an excellent service record, both within the University and outside. She has served on approximately 40 Ph.D. dissertation committees for five different departments, has served the MSE department, the College and the University on several high profile and demanding committees, and has been very active in outreach activities. In addition, her contributions to the profession are evidenced by her contributions as a regular associate editor for two journals, and a volume organizer for the MRS Bulletin. She has served on many review panels for NSF, DOE, AFOSR
and ARO. She has also been very active in four professional societies by organizing symposia and committees, with leadership roles in the American Vacuum Society.

External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “Her world-class program in solid-state materials science uses an array of innovative, state-of-the-art techniques to reveal striking physical phenomena on an atomic scale. ... She clearly exceeds the benchmarks for a successful senior faculty position at leading research universities.”

Reviewer B: “She was a pioneer in the use of STM on cleaved cross-sections of these structures to see how they form.”

Reviewer C: “She is an exceptionally impressive scientist and engineer, and I believe she has well-satisfied the criteria for promotion to the professor rank...”

Reviewer D: “...I consider Rachel Goldman as one of the very best and most active researchers in her field, who has produced some very exciting science and has had a strong impact on the scientific community.”

Reviewer E: “Goldman has no peers in her [cohort]. She stands head and shoulders above everyone else. She has the maturity and dedication that are not very common among her peers.”

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Goldman’s research on optoelectronic materials, with a focus largely at the interface of the fields of materials science, physics and electrical engineering, is recognized internationally; for the past decade she has remained at the forefront, constantly moving in new directions. Her total number of publications, the number of invited lectures at national and international venues, and her service to the scientific/technical community exceed the threshold for promotion to the rank of professor. Her service to the department, the University and to technical professional societies is, by any measure, commendable. It is with the support of the College of Engineering Executive Committee and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Executive Committee that we recommend Rachel S. Goldman for promotion to professor of materials science and engineering, with tenure, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

RECOMMENDED BY:

David C. Munson, Jr.
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

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Recommendations for approval of reappointments

of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Administrative Appointment

NAME: Steven L. Ceccio

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Vice President for Research, Office of the Vice President for Research, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Director, Michigan Memorial Phoenix Project

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Vice President for Research

TERM: Two Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009

We request that the Regents approve the reappointment of Professor Steven L. Ceccio as associate vice president for research in the Office of the Vice President for Research, for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009.

Steven L. Ceccio earned his B.S. degree, summa cum laude, in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics from the University of Michigan in 1985. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, also in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, from the California Institute of Technology in 1986 and 1990, respectively. While at Caltech, he was awarded a Special Institute Fellowship (1985-86), an ARCS Fellowship (1986-88), and the Francis J. Cole Fellowship (1988-89).

Professor Ceccio came to the University of Michigan in 1990 as an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was promoted to associate professor in 1996 and to professor in 2003. He holds a joint appointment as a professor in the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and is also affiliated with the Department of Biomedical Engineering. His interest in the research enterprise at the University has developed over time, beginning as an undergraduate at UM in the 1980’s. He has worked in collaboration with colleagues both here at UM and outside the university and provides great insight to OVPR in encouraging and supporting cross-disciplinary research.
We are very pleased that Professor Ceccio has agreed to continue to serve in this capacity and we strongly recommend his reappointment as associate vice president for research for a two-year term, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

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

NAME: Matthew L. Boulton, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, and Associate Dean, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2007

On the recommendation of Robert F. Todd III, M.D., Ph.D., the Frances and Victor Ginsberg Professor of Hematology/Oncology and Interim Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew L. Boulton, M.D., as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, effective December 13, 2007.

Dr. Boulton received the M.D. degree from the University of Nevada in 1987 and completed an internship and residency in family practice and preventive medicine at the University of Michigan. He also holds the M.P.H. degree from this institution, awarded in 1991. From 1998-2004, Dr. Boulton served as the State Epidemiologist and Director of the Bureau of Epidemiology for the Michigan Department of Health, while also holding the Clinical Associate Professor title at the University of Michigan. In 2004, he joined the full-time faculty at this institution as Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, and Associate Dean in the School of Public Health. He also is the Director of the Bioterrorism Preparedness Initiative at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Boulton conducts research in public bioterrorism preparedness, applied infectious disease epidemiology, and reproductive health. He has a substantial grant funding record, with current support from the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). He is the principal investigator on the Bioterrorism Preventive Medicine Residency Program grant funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health. His bibliography reflects approximately 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals and numerous abstracts and poster presentations. He is an ad hoc reviewer for three specialty journals and is editor of a publication by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Dr. Boulton has an extensive record of invited lectures on public health issues presented at institutional, regional, national, and international venues.
This joint appointment will present substantial opportunities for research collaboration on bioterrorism initiatives with faculty colleagues in the Department of Internal Medicine. It also is planned that Dr. Boulton will assist in the development of a joint Preventive Medicine Residency/Adult Infectious Diseases Training Program. Further interactions in research and education are expected.

Dr. Boulton's expertise will be most valuable to the teaching and research missions of the Medical School. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend Matthew L. Boulton, M.D., for a joint appointment as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, in the Medical School.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

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

December 2007
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ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Wallace J. Hopp

CURRENT TITLES: Herrick Professor of Manufacturing and Professor of Operations and Management Science, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and with the endorsements of the Department of Operations and Management Science and the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Wallace J. Hopp as professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, in the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2008.

Wallace Hopp received his B.S. in physics from Michigan State University in 1978 and his M.S. in technology and human affairs from Washington University in 1979. He then moved to the University of Michigan, where he was granted a second M.S. in industrial and operations engineering in 1982 and a Ph.D. in industrial and operations engineering in 1984. After receiving his Ph.D., Professor Hopp joined Northwestern University as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1990. Professor Hopp returned to the University of Michigan in 2007 as professor of operations and management science and was named the Herrick Professor of Manufacturing.

Professor Hopp’s research focuses on the design, control and management of production, supply chain and work systems. He has published widely in the academic literature in these areas and is currently editor-in-chief of the journal Management Science. Professor Hopp is co-author of the text Factory Physics, which was named the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) Book of the Year, and is author of a new book Supply Chain Science. He has won a number of teaching and research awards, including being named a fellow of INFORMS, IIE, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Society and the Production and Operations Management Society.
With this additional appointment, Professor Hopp is an ideal candidate to assist the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Wallace J. Hopp as professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

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

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

NAME: Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Biological Sciences and Life Sciences Initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies; Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Senior Associate Dean for Research, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2007

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D., as Senior Associate Dean for Research in the Medical School, effective December 1, 2007.

Dr. Kunkel received the Ph.D. degree in microbiology from the University of Kansas and completed postdoctoral training in the Department of Pathology at the University of Connecticut. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1980, and advanced through the academic ranks to achieve his current title of Professor of Pathology in 1991. In 1997, Dr. Kunkel was designated as the first Endowed Professor of Pathology Research.

Dr. Kunkel has gained a national and international reputation for his contributions in immunology and inflammation. His research program has been continuously funded since 1984 and multiple NIH grants currently support his large research laboratory. Dr. Kunkel has been a member of various scientific advisory boards for biotechnology companies, has held membership on 30 NIH scientific review boards, and has served as an external reviewer for graduate programs at the University of Washington and the University of California System. He is co-chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Kunkel has extensive administrative experience, including his appointment as Interim Associate Vice President for Research during 1995 and Interim Dean of the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School during 2004-05. Currently, Dr. Kunkel is Associate Dean for Biological Sciences and Life Sciences Initiatives at Rackham, a position he has held since 1995. As Senior Associate Dean for Research in the Medical School, Dr. Kunkel will provide direction for our research mission, including setting goals for developing a major global presence for the Medical School’s research enterprise.
It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that Dr. Kunkel is well qualified to provide leadership of the Medical School’s research mission. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D., as Senior Associate Dean for Research in the Medical School.

Recommended by

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

Janet A. Weiss, Ph.D.
Dean, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

December 2007
Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence

for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: George L. Kenyon

CURRENT TITLES: Tom D. Rowe Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy and Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, with tenure, College of Pharmacy

TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

It is recommended that George L. Kenyon be granted an extension of leave of absence for an additional year, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

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

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

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]

Frank J. Ascione
Dean, College of Pharmacy

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

[Signature]

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Pinaki Mazumder

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

TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

It is recommended that Pinaki Mazumder be granted an extension of leave of absence effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Professor Mazumder is currently serving at the National Science Foundation (NSF) as program director in the Emerging Models and Technologies Cluster. This cluster seeks to explore computational models, techniques, and systems based on emerging and future technologies. Research and education projects are supported in computing systems based on nanotechnology, quantum computing and communication, and computational devices and architectures inspired by the processing of information in living matter. The portfolio of awards examines concepts in new computing architecture, quantum and biologically inspired computing, as well as micro- and nano-systems. If the extension is approved, Professor Mazumder will continue in this capacity.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Pinaki Mazumder.

Recommended by:

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

December 2007

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship
CURRENT TITLE: Sol Drachler Professorship in Jewish Communal Service
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Sol Drachler Professorship in Social Work
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Dean of the School of Social Work, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work, we recommend that the title of the Sol Drachler Professorship in Jewish Communal Service be changed to the Sol Drachler Professorship in Social Work, effective January 1, 2008.

The Sol Drachler Professorship in Jewish Communal Service was established by the Regents in September 1998. In September 2001, after a lengthy search which resulted in no viable candidates, the donors agreed to allow the endowment earnings to be utilized for the operation of the Sol Drachler Jewish Communal Service training program. After six years of utilizing these funds for the training program, the donor has once again requested that the endowment be utilized to support a leading professor. We wish to change the title at this time to reflect the wishes of the donor.

The professorship name is being changed to ensure the continued academic attention to important issues in the Jewish community's service sector by strengthening the capacity of the School of Social Work to address the Jewish community's programmatic, administrative and social needs. The endowment will now support a scholar that has expertise in this area, is a leading professor and a member of the University of Michigan School of Social Work faculty contributing to the mission and the vision of the School and to professional social work education.

Sol Drachler is a past executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. He began a 26-year career of fund-raising and community organization in 1956 when he joined the Federation as director of the Allied Jewish Campaign's Mercantile, Real Estate and Building Trades Divisions. He later was promoted to assistant campaign director and associate director prior to being named executive vice president, a position he held from 1976 to 1982. Nationally, Sol Drachler served as a chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Campaign Director's Institute and was a member of the Council of Jewish Federation's Campaign Services Committee. He was also a member of the Labor Zionist Alliance and the Association of Jewish Community Organization Personnel, and was a director of the Irwin and Bethea Green Foundation.

We are pleased to recommend that the title of the Sol Drachler Professorship in Jewish Communal Service be changed to the Sol Drachler Professorship in Social Work, effective January 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Paula Allen-Meares, Dean
Norma Radin Collegiate Professor of Social Work
and Professor of Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Graham Family Professorship

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

I am very pleased to request Regental approval for the establishment of the Graham Family Professorship effective January 1, 2008.

This professorship, established for the benefit of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute, is made possible by the generosity of Donald C. and Ingrid A. Graham. Their gift provides expendable funds to establish and help support the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan and to support the Professorship, including funding for an endowment. Appointments to the Graham Family Professorship will be limited to faculty who serve as Director of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute.

Donald Graham graduated from the University of Michigan in 1955 with a BSE IE degree, and in 1956 with an MSE degree. Ingrid Graham graduated with a BSDES in 1957. Mr. Graham began his career as an engineering designer, and founded the Graham Engineering Company in 1960. Mr. Graham is a member of the Michigan Engineering’s Progress & Promises: 150th Anniversary Campaign committee, and the President’s Advisory Group. Donald and Ingrid are Honorary Co-chairs of “The Michigan Difference Campaign.”

The Grahams are active supporters of numerous projects dealing with cultural, engineering, environmental, and community issues. At the University of Michigan, Mr. Graham funded the Donald C. Graham Professorship in Engineering in 2000, and with the Provost jointly funded the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute in 2005. He also co-funded the Graham Endowment Fund in Manufacturing to recruit top students to the University of Michigan’s Tauber Institute for Global Operations. Additional major gifts have supported construction of the Michigan Nanofabrication Facility and the Stephen M. Ross Academic Center in the Department of Athletics.

Mr. Graham has a vision that while people – industry and society – have created many of the environmental sustainability issues we now face, they are also key players and partners in developing solutions to these pressing and complex problems. The Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute acts as a catalyst and forum, where representatives from academia, industry, and government can work and be supported with the needed
resources to integrate sustainability into education, manufacturing, and policy development.

We are very grateful to Donald C. and Ingrid A. Graham for their generosity to furthering the University of Michigan's ability to leverage its significant intellectual resources dedicated to understanding and teaching about environmental sustainability.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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December 13, 2007

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Bank One Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration

RECOMMENDED TITLE: NBD Bancorp Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

Regental approval is requested to change the title of the Bank One Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration back to the NBD Bancorp Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration, effective January 1, 2008.

This professorship was first established in March 1995 as the NBD Bancorp Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration. It was renamed in July 1997 to the First Chicago NBD Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration and then renamed again in February 2000 as the Bank One Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration. Bank One was recently acquired by J.P. Morgan-Chase.

This action is being taken by the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the request of the donor to reflect a recent change in the corporate name of the donor.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Robert F. Beck

CURRENT TITLES: Herbert C. Sadler Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Richard B. Couch Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents appoint Robert F. Beck as the Richard B. Couch Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by John C. Couch to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in the College of Engineering in honor of his late father, Richard B. Couch.

Robert Beck received BSE degrees in naval architecture and marine engineering and in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1965. He received his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970 and joined the faculty of the University of Michigan College of Engineering in 1972 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1977 and to professor in 1982. Professor Beck served as director of the Ship Hydrodynamics Laboratory (1988-91) and as chair of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (1991-1994). He is an expert on marine hydrodynamics, ship motions, ship maneuvering, ship resistance and propulsion and on sailing yacht design and his research has been supported for over thirty years by the Federal Office of Naval Research.

Professor Beck teaches a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and has supervised over twenty graduate theses. His service record, both in the University and in his profession, is extensive. He is a Life Member and Fellow of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.
Professor Beck'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 Robert F. Beck as the Richard B. Couch Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Titled Professorship

NAME: Bin Cheng

TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics

TERM: Three Years, Non-renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Bin Cheng as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics for a three-year non-renewable term, effective December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010.

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

Bin Cheng received his Bachelor of Science from Peking University in 2001, Master of Science from the University of California at Los Angeles in 2003, and Doctorate from the University of Maryland in 2007. His current research interests include nonlinear partial differential equations, numerical analysis and algorithms, and geophysical modeling. He has published one paper and was an instructor during the summer quarter 2004 at the University of Maryland. He was awarded a research assistantship from the National Science Foundation in 2007.

We are pleased to recommend that Bin Cheng be appointed as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a three-year non-renewable term, effective December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010.

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

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

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST:  Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME:  Kathleen R. Cho, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES:  Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Peter A. Ward Professor of Pathology

EFFECTIVE DATES:  December 13, 2007 through August 31, 2012

On the recommendation of Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. Weller Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kathleen R. Cho, M.D., as the first Peter A. Ward Professor of Pathology, effective December 13, 2007.

This endowed professorship was established in November 2007 to honor Dr. Ward and to recognize his many contributions to the University of Michigan, as well as to the discipline of pathology.

Dr. Cho received the M.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1984 and pursued an internship and residency in pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 1988, she undertook a two-year clinical fellowship in pathology, followed by a two-year research fellowship, both at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Cho joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins University as Assistant Professor of Pathology, Oncology and Gynecology and Obstetrics and achieved the rank of Associate Professor at that institution in 1998. Dr. Cho came to the University of Michigan in 1998 as Associate Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and received a secondary title of Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, in 1999. She was promoted to her current rank of Professor of Pathology and Professor of Internal Medicine in 2002.

Dr. Cho is widely recognized as one of the world-leading authorities in the field of ovarian and uterine carcinomas. She is a prolific investigator, with her bibliography reflecting more than 90 peer-reviewed publications in specialty journals. Her research is supported by the National Institutes of Health through an RO1 grant on which she is principal investigator, as well as work as PI on a project of the NIH/NCI SPORE in Cervical Cancer and as co-investigator on several other NIH and Department of Defense grants. Dr. Cho serves on the editorial boards of numerous journals, as well as senior
editor of the molecular biology, pathobiology and genetics sections of the publication *Cancer Research* and as associate editor of *Clinical Cancer Research*. Her expertise in the field is apparent through her participation in many study sections, review committees and advisory panels at the national level.

Dr. Cho also is recognized for her extensive teaching contributions, serving as course faculty for the Medical School and for the School of Dentistry. She has been a member of numerous dissertation committees, mentored trainees in the laboratory setting, and co-organized a national teaching conference for the American Association for Cancer Research. Dr. Cho is an active pathologist with a substantial schedule of gynecologic consults, in-house tumor cases, and diagnostic pathology. She blends scholarship and teaching with her clinical profession in an exemplary fashion.

The Peter A. Ward Professorship in Pathology is intended to either recruit or facilitate the research of an outstanding researcher in the Department of Pathology, who, as with Dr. Ward, would pursue highly-innovative cutting-edge research in the pathophysiology of disease. Dr. Cho is a preeminent scholar, educator, and pathologist who is most deserving of this honor. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kathleen R. Cho, M.D., as the Peter A. Ward Professor of Pathology.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

December 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Endowed Named Visiting Professor

NAME: Jos de Mul

RECOMMENDED TITLE: The Netherlands Visiting Professor of the History of Art

TERM: Winter Term 2008

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008

On the recommendation of the Department of the History of Art, the Center for European Studies, and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jos de Mul as The Netherlands Visiting Professor of the History of Art, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

The Netherlands Visiting Professorship was created by the Regents in the late 1940s in partnership with representatives of the Dutch government to acknowledge the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Dutch colony in western Michigan. The Professorship has hosted geologists, economists, engineers, mathematicians, neurologists, historians, literary and legal scholars, among others, from over twelve Dutch universities and institutions. The objective is to promote Dutch culture and to make a contribution toward international understanding.

Jos de Mul received his Master of Arts, cum laude, from the University of Amsterdam in 1981 and his Doctorate, cum laude, from the University of Nijmegen in 1993. Professor de Mul has held the title of professor at the Erasmus University Rotterdam since 1993. He was appointed dean of the Department of Philosophy (1995-2000) and is scientific director of the Research Institute of Philosophy of Information and Communication Technology.

Professor de Mul has published nineteen books and more than a hundred articles in various scientific journals in the fields of philosophical anthropology and the history of modern continental philosophy, as well as the philosophies of art, of information, and of communication technology. He is a regular contributor to the cultural supplement of the NRC Handelsblad, the leading national newspaper in the Netherlands, and to several other national newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and the Internet. His work has been published and/or translated in Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Polish, Slovenian, and Serbian.

While in residence in the Department of the History of Art, Professor de Mul will teach a course special topics course in arts and culture.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Jos de Mul as The Netherlands Visiting Professor of the History of Art, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Peter F. Green

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Chemical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, Chair, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Chemical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request that the Regents appoint Peter F. Green as the Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

This endowed chair was established by Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College of Engineering.

Peter Green received a BA (honors) and MA in physics from Hunter College in 1981. He received both MS and PhD degrees in materials science and engineering from Cornell University in 1983 and 1985, respectively. From 1985 to 1986, Professor Green worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Sandia National Laboratories in ion solid interactions and defect physics. He stayed at Sandia National Laboratories working as a senior member of the technical staff in physical properties of polymers from 1986 through 1991. In 1991, he was promoted to manager working in glass and electronic ceramics research. In 1996, Professor Green joined academia at the University of Texas at Austin as an associate professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering. He was promoted to professor in 1999.
Professor Green’s research program examines problems associated with the structure, phase behavior and dynamics of bulk and thin polymer and polymer-based nanocomposite systems. His program on polymer thin films comprises problems in three general categories: (1) wetting, interfacial instabilities and pattern formation, and self-assembly; (2) the influence of confinement and interfacial interactions on the glass transition, diffusion and viscosity, as well as on the phase and ordering transition temperatures of polymer mixtures and block copolymers, respectively; and (3) the organization of nanoparticles (C60 fullerenes, nanotubes, semiconductor and metallic nanoparticles) in thin films. The goal of the program is to develop new rules to design and to tailor properties of thin films for various applications. The second aspect of the research encompasses bulk rheological and dynamic mechanical behavior of polymer-based nanocomposite (organoclays, metal oxides, nanotubes) systems. Professor Green’s program is interdisciplinary, cross-cutting different fields, from physical chemistry of surfaces, to the processing of polymers, to the physics of materials. His research group employs a range of experimental tools, including scanning force microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, neutron scattering, ellipsometry, DMA and rheology, and his group collaborates with a number of theoretical groups within the University of Michigan and elsewhere.

Professor Green’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 Peter F. Green as the Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

December 2007

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Change of Title for an Academic Administrator

NAME: Philip J. Hanlon

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Donald J. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Mathematics, and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Donald J. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Mathematics, and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

I am recommending for Regental approval a change in title for Philip J. Hanlon from Associate Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs to Vice Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs, effective January 1, 2008. This change in title will bring consistency to the titles of the academic administrative staff in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, where some individuals currently hold the title of Vice Provost and others Associate Provost. All are tenured members of the faculty and have large portfolios of academic-related responsibility.

Dr. Hanlon received his A.B. degree in 1977 from Dartmouth College, and a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in 1981. After holding post-doctoral positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Caltech, he joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1986. In 2001, he was appointed Associate Dean for Planning and Finance in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He was appointed Associate Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2004.

Dr. Hanlon’s research is in combinatorics and discrete probability with an emphasis on applications to computational genetics and theoretical computer science. He is the author of dozens of publications, and serves at the national level on councils and advisory boards. He was the founder of the Michigan Math and Science Scholars Program, a
thriving summer program at the University of Michigan for high school students with interest in the sciences.

As a member of the Provost's senior staff, Dr. Hanlon has helped to develop and administer the University's general fund budget, to assure that academic programs are adequately supported, and is responsible for space and facilities issues. In addition, he is leading the presidential initiative to foster team teaching and interdisciplinary learning opportunities at the University.

Approval by the Regents of the change in Dr. Hanlon's title to Vice Provost for Academic and Budgetary Affairs effective on January 1, 2008 is here requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Richard Ryan Harty

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction

TERM: Winter Term 2008

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of English Language and Literature and with the endorsement of the executive committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Richard Ryan Harty as the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008. This appointment is to share the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction.

The Helen Herzog Zell Professorship in Fiction was created by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation and was established by the Regents in July 2001. The professorship will be made available on the recommendation and at the direction of the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Appointments to the professorship will be for a three-year term with the possibility of renewal for a two-year term.

Ryan Harty received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1987; Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa in 1996; and Doctorate from Stanford University in 1998. He was awarded the Wallace Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University (1996-1998) and thereafter taught writing at Stanford as the Jones Lecturer (1998-2001) and as an adjunct professor (2001-2004). He was also an adjunct professor at the California College of the Arts (2004-2006) before joining our faculty as a lecturer in the Department of English Language and Literature in 2006.

Ryan Harty’s work stretches from contemporary realistic to science fiction. He has a consistent feel for closely observed characters from whom the drama of his stories spring. He has published short fiction in distinguished journals and was awarded the Playboy College Fiction Prize in 1995. His story, “Why the Sky Turns Red When the Sun Goes Down,” was selected for both the Best American Short Stories 2003 and the Pushcart Prize volume (2003). His first collection of short stories, Bring Me Your Saddest Arizona, was a recipient of the John Simmons Award for Short Fiction and was published by the University of Iowa Press (2003).
Ryan Harty is an experienced and dedicated teacher who has learned from some of the best writing instructors in the country. He is able to encourage his students while challenging them to greater achievement. Students give him excellent evaluations.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ryan Harty as the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Martin G. Myers Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Marilyn H. Vincent Professor of Diabetes Research

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 18, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Peter Arvan, M.D., Ph.D., the William and Delores Brehm Professor and Professor of Internal Medicine, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Martin G. Myers Jr., M.D., Ph.D., as the first Marilyn H. Vincent Professor of Diabetes Research, effective January 18, 2008.

This professorship was established in September 2007 through a gift from the Molly Vincent Foundation and is intended to advance cutting-edge diabetes and metabolism research at the University of Michigan. A stipulation of the gift reflects that the recipient of this distinguished professorship be a nationally recognized expert in diabetes research.

Dr. Myers received the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1997, where he helped to establish the role of insulin receptor substrate proteins in insulin signaling. After a brief fellowship at the Joslin Diabetes Center, and then as a junior faculty member at Harvard Medical School, he initiated his independent research program on the topic of leptin receptor signaling mechanisms and in vivo mechanisms of leptin action. Upon selection by our Biomedical Sciences Scholars Program (BSSP) committee, Dr. Myers was recruited to join the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2004 as an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, and Molecular and Integrative Physiology. Shortly thereafter, he was nominated and won the Jerome Conn Award for the top scientific research by a faculty member within the Department of Internal Medicine before the awarding of tenure. Dr. Myers was promoted to his current rank of Associate Professor in 2006.

Dr. Myers is an internationally recognized diabetes research scientist, leading the way in understanding the cellular and neural mechanisms by which leptin modulates metabolism and the predisposition to diabetes. He has consistently published high-impact papers that command national attention, including those at Nature, the Journal of Clinical Investigation, and Cell Metabolism. He also receives numerous invitations to present his work both nationally and internationally. Since joining the Michigan faculty,
Dr. Myers has been inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and he also has been a key participant as an organizer of major international diabetes meetings, such as his recent service to the American Diabetes Association. Dr. Myers now serves as committee chair for the pilot and feasibility grants program for the Michigan Comprehensive Diabetes Center, and he is director of the animal metabolic phenotyping core. His research program is well funded through three NIH RO1 awards, as well as from the ADA. Dr. Myers' expertise is further recognized through his service on NIH study sections and editorial board membership. In addition to these accolades, Dr. Myers is well regarded on the home front for his teaching of medical students and mentoring of senior trainees.

Dr. Myers is an outstanding and productive scientist and an exemplary mentor and role model. His contributions as an investigator in diabetes research are substantial. I am very pleased to recommend him to you as the first recipient of the Marilyn H. Vincent Professorship in Diabetes Research.

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Julie E. Orringer

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction

TERM: Winter Term 2008

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of English Language and Literature and with the endorsement of the executive committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Julie E. Orringer as the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008. This appointment is to share the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction.

The Helen Herzog Zell Professorship in Fiction was created by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation and was established by the Regents in July 2001. The professorship will be made available on the recommendation and at the direction of the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Appointments to the professorship will be for a three-year term with the possibility of renewal for a two-year term.

Julie Orringer received her Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from Cornell University in 1994, Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa in 1996, and Doctorate from Stanford University in 2001. She was awarded the Wallace Stegner Fellowship in Fiction at Stanford University (1999-2001) and served as the Marsh McCall Lecturer in Fiction and Creative Writing Curriculum Coordinator (2001-2003). She then served as a Distinguished Visiting Writer at the California College of the Arts and at St. Mary’s College before joining our faculty as a lecturer in the Department of English Language and Literature in 2006.

Julie Orringer’s short stories are notable for her feeling and powerful evocations of turning points in the lives of her characters. They have appeared in such distinguished journals as The Paris Review, The Yale Review, Ploughshares, and McSweeney’s, and have been anthologized in Best New American Voices (2001), New Stories from the South (2002), and Best American Nonrequired Reading (2003). Her prize-winning first collection, How to Breathe Under Water, was published by Knoff (2003), received extraordinary reviews, and has been published in eight other countries. She was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 2004-2005.
Julie Orringer is a highly experienced teacher, who has worked with writing students at all levels. Students consistently give her excellent evaluations and speak repeatedly of her dedication, insight, and support.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Julie E. Orringer as the Helen Herzog Zell Professor of Fiction, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008.

Recommended by: 

Terence 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

December 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change of Title for an Academic Administrator

NAME: Lori J. Pierce, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

I am recommending for Regental approval a change in title for Lori J. Pierce, M.D. from Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs to Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs, effective January 1, 2008. This change in title will bring consistency to the titles of the academic administrative staff in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, where some individuals currently hold the title of Vice Provost and others Associate Provost. All are tenured members of the faculty and have large portfolios of academic-related responsibility.

Dr. Pierce received her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979, and then received her M.D. from Duke University in 1985. She was resident and Chief Resident in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania from 1986 to 1989. Dr. Pierce was a Senior Investigator in the Radiation Oncology Branch at the National Cancer Institute and then joined the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Michigan where she is currently a Professor of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Pierce was appointed Associate Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs in August 2005, following service as Senior Counselor to the Provost for Medical Affairs. As a member of the Provost’s senior team, Dr. Pierce has assumed primary responsibility for a wide range of activities related to faculty and medical affairs, while continuing her patient care and research focusing on advances in radiation treatment planning, the effect of radiation in patients who carry breast cancer susceptibility mutations, and the use of radiosensitizers with breast radiotherapy. She serves on multiple editorial boards,
national committees and study sections, and is an invited speaker at national and international symposia on the use of radiotherapy in breast cancer.

Approval by the Regents of the change in Dr. Pierce’s title to Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs effective on January 1, 2008 is here requested.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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

December 2007
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Titled Professorship

NAME: Pavlo Pylyavskyy

TITLE: T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics

TERM: Three Years, Non-renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Pavlo Pylyavskyy as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics for a three-year non-renewable term, effective December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010.

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

Pavlo Pylyavskyy attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his Bachelor of Arts in 2003 and Doctorate in 2007. His current research interests include combinatorics and its relation to representation theory, and commutative algebra and physics. He has published two papers, has one forthcoming, and has submitted four papers. He was an International Mathematical Olympiad medalist four times (1996-1999; twice gold) and a Putnam Fellow in 2000.

We are pleased to recommend that Pavlo Pylyavskyy be appointed as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a three-year non-renewable term, effective December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2010.

Recommended by:

Terence 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

December 2007
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship
NAME: Peter A. Ubel, M.D.
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
ADDITIONAL TITLE: George Dock Collegiate Professor of Internal Medicine
EFFECTIVE DATES: December 13, 2007 through August 31, 2012

On the recommendation of Robert F. Todd III, M.D., Ph.D., the Frances and Victor Ginsberg Professor of Hematology/Oncology and Interim Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Peter A. Ubel, M.D., as the George Dock Collegiate Professor of Internal Medicine, effective December 13, 2007.

This collegiate professorship was established in November 2007 as a memorial to George Dock, M.D., one of the founders of the medical school at this institution. The professorship is intended to support a tenured faculty member whose work contributes to significant and innovative scholarship within the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Ubel received the M.D. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1988. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in medical ethics at the University of Chicago. During 1992-94, Dr. Ubel pursued fellowship training in general medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. From 1994-2000, he was an Assistant Professor of Medicine and of Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2000 as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and was promoted to his current rank of Professor of Internal Medicine in 2004. He also holds appointment as Adjunct Professor of Psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Dr. Ubel’s research explores controversial issues concerning the role of values and preferences in health care decision making, from decisions at the bedside to policy decisions. He uses the tools of decision psychology and behavioral economics to investigate topics such as informed consent, shared decision making, and health care rationing. Dr. Ubel is principal investigator of two National Cancer Institute grants, and he is co-investigator on several other federally sponsored projects. He currently serves on the Task Force on Behavioral Science and Cancer for the American Association for Cancer Research, and, in 2004, became a Fellow of The Hastings Center.
Dr. Ubel has received many research honors, including a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, awarded by President Clinton in 2000. He has significant experience in communicating his research findings to broad audiences on radio and television, including guest appearances on *Talk of the Nation, Fresh Air*, and *All Things Considered*. In addition, he has published articles for lay audiences in the written press, such as the *New York Times, Los Angeles Times, The New Leader, The Huffington Post*, and *The Sciences*. He is the author of “Pricing Life: Why it is Time for Health Care Rationing” (*MIT Press*, 2000) and “You’re Stronger Than You Think: Tapping the Secrets of Emotionally Resilient People” (*McGraw-Hill*, 2006). In addition, his bibliography reflects more than 100 scientific articles, and his research has been widely reported in the popular media.

Dr. Ubel is a nationally recognized investigator in the field of medical ethics and resource utilization. I am very pleased to recommend his appointment as the first George Dock Collegiate Professor of Internal Medicine.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

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

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

December 2007
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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December 13, 2007

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of a Professional Administrative Appointment

NAME: Renee Zientek

CURRENT TITLE: Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Assistant Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2007

I recommend the appointment of Renee Zientek as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, effective November 1, 2007.

Ms. Zientek earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan-Flint and is currently completing her Masters in Liberal Studies- American Cultural Studies here at the University of Michigan-Flint.

In her ten plus years with the University, Ms. Zientek has been at the core of establishing and developing university/community civic engagement programs. She designed and implemented our service learning program in 1997; she has been at the center of developing the American Democracy Project and has restructured University Outreach to better connect with academic programs and external constituents. Ms. Zientek has been an institution builder, representing the University on community committees critical to university interests (e.g., chairing the Hamilton Dam committee, working with the Flint River Corridor Alliance, and the Community Challenge initiative). She also serves on various university committees and has been heavily involved in the design and implementation of a new General Education program and preparing for the accreditation review of our institution.

It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Renee Zientek as the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, effective November 1, 2007.

Recommended by: Kristen D. Skivington, VC of Institutional Advancement

Recommendation endorsed by: Jack Kay, Interim Chancellor