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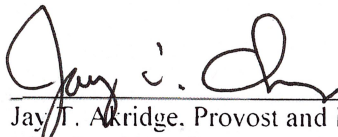
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John A. Edwardson Dean of the College of Engineering

To: Jay T. Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs and Diversity
From: Mung Chiang
Date: March 8, 2019
Subj: Recommendation for Named Professorship

I am pleased to recommend that Dr. Robert Connor be appointed the Jack & Kay Hockema Professor in Civil Engineering. Dr. Connor's case has the strong support of the Civil Engineering nominating committee and the unanimous support of the Engineering Named Professorship Committee. Dr. Connor's full vita, recommendation letters, abbreviated vita, and a description of the source of funds for the professorship are enclosed for your review.

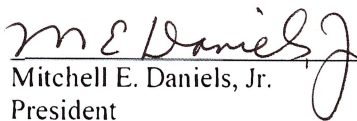
This memo is to request your approval for Dr. Robert Connor be appointed Jack & Kay Hockema Professor in Civil Engineering.

Approval Recommended:


Jay T. Akridge, Provost and Executive
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Diversity

3/18/19
Date

Approved:


Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President

3/20/19
Date

Enclosures

Cc: R. Govindaraju
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To: Jay T. Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President
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From: Engineering Named Professorships Committee:
James Braun, Paul Griffin, Stephen Heister, Edward Delp, Michael Loui, Kumares Sinha, Haiyan Wang, Linda Wang, Mung Chiang, Chair

Date: March 8, 2019

Subject: ***Recommendation of Robert Connor for Hockema Professorship***

The Engineering Named Professorships Committee unanimously recommends Professor Robert Connor for appointment as the Jack & Kay Hockema Professor in Civil Engineering. This recommendation is based on his national and international reputation for outstanding scholarship in structural engineering, with focus on design, research and testing of bridges and related structures, structural health monitoring and evaluation, fatigue and fracture of steel structures, and bridge inspection and inspection reliability. Brief comments from some of the committee members below are indicative of the level of enthusiasm for this candidate:

- One of the very few bridge fatigue experts. Highly regarded in the field and has been consulted on almost all steel bridge failures in the country in recent years. A great teacher. An asset to Purdue. External letters are strong. "
- Extremely strong candidate with very high impact research in bridge structure, failure analysis and designs, and related areas.
- Overall, seems like the perfect candidate. His influential research on steel bridge fatigue has resulted in several technical standards. His teaching has been recognized with awards.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.