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To: Jay Akridge

From: Patrick Wolfe

Re: Nomination of Dr. Trevor Wooley for the Andris A. Zoltners Distinguished Professor
        of Mathematics

I forward to you the nomination of Dr. Trevor Wooley for the Andris A. Zoltners Distinguished
Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Wooley's nomination has been endorsed by the Department (see attached
memo from Department Head), the College of Science's Area Promotion Committee and a university
committee of distinguished professors. A report from the university committee is attached, along with the
Form 36, both a full vita and biosketch plus letters from external referees.

I chaired the Area Promotion Committee meeting that considered Dr. Trevor Wooley's
nomination, and also solicited feedback in the form of specific strengths and weaknesses from the
university committee of distinguished professors. The resounding sentiment in each meeting was that Dr.
Trevor Wooley's nomination was a very strong case and truly deserving of promotion to rank of
Distinguished Professor in Mathematics and found no weaknesses.

It has come through clearly in the process that Dr. Trevor Wooley's work over the past decade has
contributed to fundamental contributions to several outstanding problems in the number theory area of
mathematics, specifically the Hardy-Littlewood circle method and Waring's problem. He has received the
Salem Prize in mathematics and was twice the invited speaker at the International Congress of
Mathematicians one of the highest honors in mathematics.

For the reasons cited above, and taking all due deliberations into consideration, I am delighted to
endorse the nomination of Dr. Trevor Wooley for the Andris A. Zoltners Distinguished Professor of
Mathematics.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: APPROVED:

Jay Akridge   10/29/19   Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.   10/31/19
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