

To: Jay Akridge  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity, Purdue University

From: Ronald Elsenbaumer  
Chancellor, Purdue University Fort Wayne

Date: October 22, 2020

Re: Recommendation to bestow upon Dr. Michelle Drouin the title: *Jack W. Schrey Professor of Psychology*

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The Jack W. Schrey Professorship was established by the Purdue University Board of Trustees on May 16, 1986. The professorship has been financed by gifts from the Frank Friemann Foundation, Magnavox Government & Electronics Company, and many friends of Mr. Schrey.

The purpose of these professorships is to “enrich the intellectual environment of Purdue University [Fort Wayne] by attracting and retaining exceptional faculty.” Selection of individuals to such named professorships is based on “outstanding original, creative, and productive achievements in scholarship and research that have been internationally recognized.”

The first Schrey professorship was bestowed on Dr. Lowell W. Beineke, an internationally known researcher in the field of graph theory. He held the professorship with honor and distinction until his retirement in May of this year. In 2001 a second professorship was awarded to Dr. Frank Paladino, an international leader in conservation biology and physiological ecology. Currently, there are only two Schrey professorships at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Upon Professor Beineke’s retirement the Office of Academic Affairs issued a call for applications to fill the open professorship. A review committee was established that included Frank Paladino, Schrey Professor of Biology; Ronald Friedman, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Melissa Gruys, Dean of the Richard T. Doermer School of Business; Isabel Nunez, Director of the School of Education; and John O’Connell, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The application process was managed by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Carl Drummond. Thirteen applications were received and the review committee selected six semifinalists for whom external letters of recommendation were requested. After careful review the committee forwarded three individuals as finalists.

On the basis of the committee’s recommendation, as well as my review of all submitted and solicited materials, I am pleased to recommend Michelle Drouin, Professor of Psychology, as the *Jack W. Schrey Professor of Psychology*. Professor Drouin is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of intimate partner relationships and forensic psychology. Since joining the Fort Wayne faculty in 2006 she has distinguished herself as a teacher, researcher, and scholar of teaching and learning.

In accordance with the Purdue University policy on Distinguished and Named Professorships and Faculty Scholars, along with this recommendation I am attaching Professor Drouin’s application statement, current curriculum vitae, brief cv, and letters from five external reviewers for your evaluation.

After you have had the opportunity to review these materials, we respectfully request your approval of our recommendation to bestow upon Dr. Michelle Drouin the title *Jack W. Schrey Professor of Psychology* and that you transmit these materials along with your endorsement to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

Approval Recommended:

Approved:

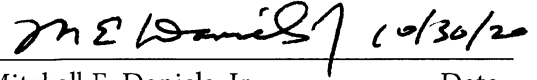


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Provost and Executive Vice President  
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