



College of Science

Frederick L. Hovde Dean and Miller Family Professor of Statistics and Computer Science

BOARD APPROVED

December 4, 2020

Janice Indrutz
Corporate Secretary

October 22, 2020

To:

Jay Akridge

From:

Patrick Wolfe

Re:

Nomination of Dr. Dennis Lin as a Distinguished Professor of Statistics

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I forward to you the nomination of Dr. Dennis Lin as a Distinguished Professor of Statistics. Dr. Lin's nomination has been endorsed by the Department (see attached memo from previous 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.

Professor Lin joined us recently from Penn State, where he was University Distinguished Professor. I chaired the Area Promotion Committee meeting that considered Professor Lin's nomination here at Purdue, 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. Lin's nomination was a very strong case, deserving of the rank of Distinguished Professor in Statistics at Purdue University.

It has come through clearly in the process that Professor Lin's theoretical research over the past decade has contributed to quality control and manufacturing, with wide-ranging impact, in particular through his groundbreaking work in the multi-factor statistical design of experiments. He has received awards from the American Society for Quality, and most recently delivered the invited Deming Lecture at the Joint Statistical Meetings, the main annual professional gathering for academic and professional statisticians worldwide.

For the reasons cited above, and taking all due deliberations into consideration, I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Dr. Dennis Lin for a Distinguished Professor of Statistics.

Recommended Approval:

10/26/20 Date

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

Approved:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr

President

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