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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Akridge
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Karen Plaut *Karen Plaut*
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture

DATE: December 2, 2020

SUBJECT: John V. Osmun Chair in Urban Entomology

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Barry Pittendrigh, who will begin as a tenured Full Professor of Entomology in January 2021, for appointment as the John V. Osmun Chair in Urban Entomology. Dr. Pittendrigh currently holds one of the Michigan State University Foundation Scholar positions and I am thrilled we have been able to recruit him back to Purdue.

Dr. Pittendrigh is an accomplished scholar with over 180 publications and an h-index of 39. He has garnered more than \$30M in research awards throughout his career. His research spans many aspects of insect toxicology and entomology and has made an impact on insect theoretical genetics, ecology and molecular biology. He has had a significant global impact as Director of the USAID Feed the Future Legume Innovation Lab and in particular developed the Scientific Animations without Borders which has been translated into numerous languages. He has vast international connections and a demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups of people.

In his letter of support, Dr. Lawrence Schook calls him “one of the leading entomologists in the world.” Dr. J. Marshall Clark states that “In today’s world, it is necessary to find a leader who will be a magnet that focuses good science in addressing critical problems. This process is Barry’s forte and I know by experience that he is very, very good at this aspect.” Dr. Pittendrigh has the passion and energy needed to greatly enhance Purdue’s stature in pest management research; to grow our outreach efforts for the pest management industry; and to direct our Center for Urban & Industrial Pest Management.

Attached you will find Dr. Barry Pittendrigh’s recommendation letter from Dr. Stephen Cameron, his full CV, support letters and abbreviated CV. I hope that you will agree that Dr. Pittendrigh is worthy of this distinction and that you will in turn recommend him to the Board of Trustees for the John V. Osmun Chair in Urban Entomology. Thank you for your consideration.

Approved:

Jay T. Akridge
Jay T. Akridge, Executive Vice President for
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12/7/20

Date

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