


TO: Jay T. Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Diversity

FROM: Eric L. Barker
Dean 

SUBJECT: Distinguished Professor Nomination for Dr. Danzhou Yang

DATE: February 9, 2021

I am delighted to recommend the appointment of Dr. Danzhou Yang as Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology. Dr. Yang is an internationally recognized leader in DNA molecular targets for cancer therapeutics, particularly DNA secondary structures known as G-quadruplexes. After her nomination by Dr. Zhong-Yin Zhang, Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology, Robert C. and Charlotte P. Anderson Chair in Pharmacology, her credentials as a scholar for this appointment were unanimously supported by the College Area Committee. In addition, her appointment as Distinguished Professor was unanimously supported by a committee of Distinguished Professors, which included the following:

Ourania M. Andrisani, PhD; Distinguished Professor of Basic Medical Sciences, Department of Basic Medical Sciences

Carol B. Post, PhD; Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

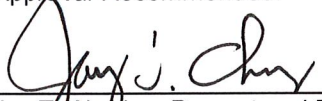
Mark S. Cushman, PharmD, PhD; Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

Arun K. Ghosh, PhD; Ian P. Rothwell Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Medicinal Chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

Philip S. Low, PhD; Ralph C. Corley Distinguished Professor of Chemistry – Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry; Courtesy Appointment in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

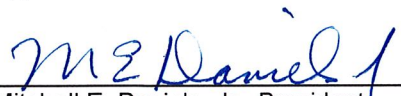
As seen by the enclosed endorsement of these committee members and the external reviews that are attached, Dr. Yang is eminently qualified for appointment as Distinguished Professor. I wish to provide my strongest possible support for this well-deserved appointment.

Approval Recommended:


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

2/11/21
Date

Approved:


Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

3/10/21
Date