

To: Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity
From: David Hummels, Dean and Professor of Economics, Krannert School of Management
Re: Prof. Yanjun Li for Lewis B. Cullman Professor of Management
Date: May 19, 2021



I write to seek approval to name Professor Yanjun Li the Lewis B. Cullman Professor of Management. Attached to this letter please find Professor Li's cv, his summary statement of contributions, and nine external letters of support. Professor Li has been on faculty at Krannert since 2003, holding the rank of Full Professor since 2014.

Our process for identifying and selecting nominees for term and full chair positions is as follows

1. I solicit nominations from among the faculty
2. The Committee on Named/Distinguished Professors (henceforth: The Committee) briefly discusses each nominee based on their cv and knowledge of their contributions, and takes a straw poll to indicate suitability of the candidate to hold either a term or full chair position
3. I select candidates to move forward for external letters based on that discussion and straw pool, my own reading of the case, and the need to both meet donor intent and balance needs for intellectual leadership across areas of the school
4. We seek outside letters and The Committee formally votes on each candidate.

Professor Li received strong support (14-2) from the Committee to hold the Cullman Professorship. The discussion of his case emphasized the quality and impact of his research related to mathematical programming and linear optimization. He has significantly advanced the field in a series of important problems in this field, particularly the solvability of particularly complex optimization problems. Committee and external reviewers lauded the depth of the challenges he has tackled and the creativity of his approach.

He has published 30 articles in leading journals in mathematical programming, operations research, and management science, along with 5 articles in refereed conference proceedings, and he presents actively at seminars and conferences around the world.

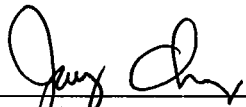
Professor Li is an accomplished and highly evaluated teacher in a particularly critical area where Krannert is both highly ranked and brings in a large volume of students – business analytics. He has served on 17 dissertation committees and has provided broad service to the school as Quantitative Methods Area Coordinator and PhD Director for the Management department. He has previously been honored with every faculty award we have, as a Ross Young Faculty Scholar, a Willis Young Faculty Scholar, a Krannert Faculty Fellow, and a Purdue University Faculty Scholar.

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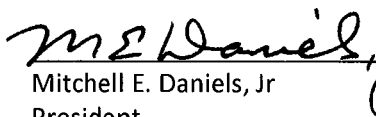
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Professor Li has my full support to be named the Lewis B. Cullman Professor of Management in light of his scholarship, outstanding teaching and service support to the Krannert School.

Approval Recommended:

 5/20/21
Jay Akridge date
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

Approved:

 5/24/21
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr date
President