



College of Science

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To: Jay Akridge

From: Patrick Wolfe

Re: Nomination of Dr. John Tesmer for a Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences

I forward to you the nomination of Dr. John Tesmer for a Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences. Dr. Tesmer's nomination has been endorsed by the Department, 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 (which includes Department and College votes), both a full vita and biosketch, plus letters from external referees.

I chaired the Area Promotion Committee meeting that considered Dr. John Tesmer's nomination, 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. John Tesmer's nomination was a very strong case and truly deserving of promotion to rank of Distinguished Professor in Biological Sciences and found no weaknesses.

It has come through clearly in the process that Dr. John Tesmer's work over the past decade has contributed to fundamental contributions G-protein coupled receptors and proteins that modulate their function, specifically elucidation of molecular structures leading to targets for drug development. He the invited keynote speaker at the Phosphorylation and G-Protein Mediated Signaling Networks GRC and is a outstanding mentor to junior faculty and students.

For the reasons cited above, and taking all due deliberations into consideration, I am delighted to endorse the nomination of Dr. John Tesmer for a Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences.

Recommended Approval:

Approved:

Jay Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

5/5/21
Date

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President

5/6/21
Date