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To: Jay Akridge

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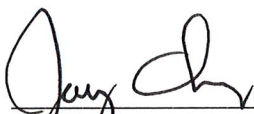Re: Nomination of Dr. Faming Liang for a Distinguished Professor of Statistics

      I forward to you the nomination of Dr. Faming Liang for a Distinguished Professor of Statistics. Dr. Liang'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. Faming Liang'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. Faming Liang's nomination was a very strong case and truly deserving of promotion to rank of Distinguished Professor in Statistics and the only concern was the low number of faculty participating at the primary level.

      It has come through clearly in the process that Dr. Faming Liang's work over the past decade has contributed to fundamental contributions to methodology development for uses with big data, specifically development of population based methods in Monte-Carlo computations. He has received the Yuden Prize in Statistics.

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

Recommended Approval:

Jay Akridge   Date: 5/5/21
Provost and Executive Vice
   President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

Approved:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.   Date: 5/6/21
President