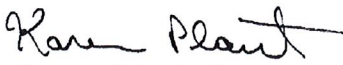


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*Karen Plaut**Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture*

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Karen Plaut 
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture

DATE: April 21, 2021

SUBJECT: Dean's Chair in Food Science

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Senay Simsek for appointment as the Dean's Chair in Food Science. Dr. Simsek will begin as a tenured Full Professor and Department Head of Food Science on July 1, 2021. Dr. Simsek is coming to Purdue from North Dakota State where she held the title of Bert L. D'Appolonia Cereal Science and Technology of Wheat Endowed Professor. Dr. Simsek's strength in cereal chemistry and carbohydrate science makes her a great candidate for this chaired position.

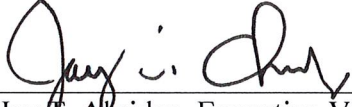
Dr. Simsek is an innovative food biochemist recognized nationally and internationally for her outstanding contributions in cereal chemistry. She is well rounded in the areas of food science including food safety, engineering, regulatory, and the gut microbiome, as well as being an exemplary food biochemist. Not only is Dr. Simsek an accomplished scientist, but she is an inspirational teacher who brought augmented and virtual reality to the classroom during COVID-19. She also made a great impression on our graduate students during the interview process. Dr. Simsek values the three missions of the land-grant system, and is a great collaborator with a demonstrated record of interdisciplinary work. She is active in her discipline and plays a critical role with industry leaders.

Dr. Simsek is a globally recognized, prolific and passionate researcher in areas spanning plant sciences, food science and analytical chemistry. In her letter of support, Claudia Carter states that, "Dr. Simsek is an excellent researcher in the food/cereal/carbohydrate chemistry field and a team member. Dr. Simsek has dedicated a high proportion of her activities towards helping the food and grain industry. She has made significant contributions to the grain industry via multiple efforts (research, industry projects, scientific advising, graduating students, working with breeders, end-users, etc)."

Attached you will find Dr. Senay Simsek's recommendation letter from Dr. Jayson Lusk on behalf of the department head search committee, full CV, support letters and abbreviated CV. I wholeheartedly support this appointment. I hope that you will agree that Dr. Simsek is worthy of this distinction, and that you will in turn recommend her to the Board of Trustees for the Dean's Chair in Food Science.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approved:

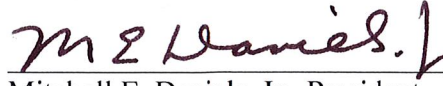


Jay F. Akridge, Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Diversity

6/29/21

Date

Approved:



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

7/6/21

Date