

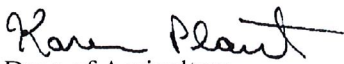
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Karen Plaut

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: December 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Chair in Stem Cell Biology

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Shihuan Kuang, Professor of Animal Sciences, for appointment as the Cancer Center Chair in Stem Cell Biology.

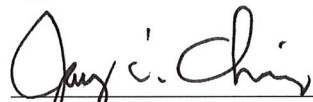
Dr. Kuang is a leading scholar in the area of muscle and adipose tissue development. He is consistently funded by NIH for his groundbreaking work in Stem Cell Biology and has an h-index of 49. He has been cited over 11,000 times. He regularly reviews papers for and publishes in top tier journals. Notably, Science magazine selected his work published in Nature as a top 10 scientific breakthrough for the year. This work and the work preceding it is part of the foundation for the company, Adipo Therapeutics. Dr. Kuang is frequently called on as a grant reviewer and gives national and international talks in his area of expertise. He is an active mentor having graduated 6 MS and 24 PhD students and mentored 21 undergraduates. He serves on many editorial boards including Journal of Cellular Biochemistry, Cancer Letters, Pharmacological Research, and Cell Regeneration, to name just a few. He was awarded the University Faculty Showalter Scholar from 2015-2020.

Dr. John Blanton's recommendation letter highlights Dr. Kuang's work very well, and Dr. Sally E. Johnson, Paul Mellon Distinguished Chair of Agriculture at Virginia Tech, provides a great summary that I wholeheartedly agree with, "*Dr. Kuang exceeds the expectations of a named professorship. He leads an influential and transformative program that integrates research, teaching and outreach to advance stem cell biology. His metrics of success easily place him in the top 5% of all scientists in peer animal science departments and colleges of agriculture globally.*"

Attached you will find a support letter from the Timothy Ratliff of the Cancer Center, co-sponsor of the endowment, the aforementioned recommendation letter from Dr. John Blanton, full CV, support letters and abbreviated CV. I hope that you will agree that Dr. Kuang is worthy of this distinction and that you will in turn recommend him to the Board of Trustees for the Cancer Center Chair in Stem Cell Biology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approved:



Jay T. Akridge, Executive Vice President for
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