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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**William E. Lavery Professorship**

The William E. Lavery Professorship is named in honor of William E. Lavery, the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Virginia Tech, to support his great interest in international programs and his advocacy for extending the benefits of the nation's land grant universities into the international arena. An extensive nomination and vetting process involved department and college honorifics committees, the faculty honorifics committee, and the executive vice president and provost.

Following the established protocol, and consistent with the recommendations received from the faculty honorifics committee, Provost Cyril R. Clarke recommends the appointment of Dr. Kathy Alexander to the William E. Lavery Professorship. She is a truly exceptional scholar, making remarkable contributions in her field to the betterment of people and communities around the globe. Her achievements and contributions have garnered national and international recognition.

Dr. Kathy Alexander is currently a professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment. Appointed in 2007, Dr. Alexander has garnered a significant international reputation as an expert in wildlife diseases. She has received awards for excellence in international research and outreach, is a member of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and Iota Delta Rho Interdisciplinary Research Honor Society, received the Pfizer Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement and Contribution to Veterinary Medicine, and was nominated as a TEDx Virginia Tech speaker.

Dr. Alexander's initiative, commitment, and success in carrying out the land grant mission of research, teaching, and engagement on a global scale exemplify President Lavery's greatest aspirations. Dr. Alexander has an established presence in Botswana, Africa, where she built a non-profit conservation organization to carry out her life's work. She has hosted Provost Cyril Clarke and other leaders and researchers from Virginia Tech at the site, sharing the extraordinary impact and presence Virginia Tech has in Africa through Dr. Alexander's almost single-handed efforts over many decades. Dr. Alexander is a registered veterinarian in Botswana and has ties to the Office of the President of Botswana, serving in an advisory capacity most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, she serves as a technical advisor to the Department of Environmental Affairs of the government of Botswana.

During the AIDS epidemic, Dr. Alexander established small business enterprises with women in Botswana when men's widespread mortality upended their households and livelihoods. She has recently been active in linking diarrheal diseases that are the leading cause of death of children under five to wildlife fecal matter, studying bush meat trade, and wild animal trafficking. She also consulted during the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Dr. Alexander has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on just over \$10.9M in external research funds, over 98% of which funded or is funding work in Africa. More than 65% of her publications involve co-authors from institutes or organizations outside of the United States. She has been prolific in sharing her research, averaging eight peer-reviewed papers per year for the past five years. Her publications have

appeared in top scientific journals such as *Science*, *Nature*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and *USA Today*.

Dr. Alexander believes that “teaching is a way of inspiring the next generation to develop a passion for science and service.” She has developed interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate-level courses, and receives positive feedback from students. She empowers young scientists from all learning levels, and challenges them by immersing them in an international research environment that integrates both laboratory and field-based research, framed within community outreach at her Botswana study site. She has developed and leads a six-credit-hour study abroad course focused on international public and wildlife health. She has been awarded three supplementary grants from the National Science Foundation to support underrepresented minorities in educational activities she leads in Botswana, including a study abroad opportunity for African-American high school students and their teachers in 2019.

Dr. Alexander has established a sustained, comprehensive work that encompasses basic research, outreach and engagement, and teaching and learning in an international setting to promote greater inclusion and diversity in science. Her commitment to One Health, wildlife ecology and management, and mentoring the next generation of students is unparalleled and worthy of the recognition this professorship brings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Kathy Alexander be appointed William E. Lavery Professor for a renewable five-year term effective April 10, 2021 with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholar match program.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Engineering**

The Kevin Crofton Professorial Endowment in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering (AOE) was established with a generous gift from alumnus Kevin Crofton. The creation of this endowment enables support for the work of the outstanding professors within the AOE Department, including support for tenured professors, junior faculty fellowships, and assistance in retention of top-performing faculty members. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Stefano Brizzolara as a Crofton Faculty Fellow, based on the recommendations of Dr. Eric Paterson, department head of the Kevin T. Crofton Department of Aerospace and Ocean (AOE) Engineering, and the AOE Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Brizzolara joined Virginia Tech in 2016 as a tenured associate professor, having previously held appointments at MIT and University of Genova (Italy). In four years, he has demonstrated an exceptional record of research, scholarship, teaching, and service. Dr. Brizzolara's diverse research portfolio spans from ocean and coastal hydrodynamics, to propeller hydrodynamics, to innovative high-performance hull forms and efficient wave energy conversion devices. He has secured \$3.8M of funding from federal agencies, other research institutes, and both large and small companies. His research has been transitioned to operational commercial systems, and his revolutionary concepts are exceptionally rare in a mature field like naval architecture. Ideas developed by Dr. Brizzolara and his students offer new designs for high-speed small crafts to be used for manned and unmanned operations.

As a trained naval architect, Dr. Brizzolara plays an important leadership role in the Ocean Engineering program. He serves as assistant department head for the graduate program, where his research acumen, leadership role in the Center for Marine Autonomy and Robotics, and advising of a large team of graduate students brings his unique perspective to the management and operation of the graduate program in the AOE department.

Dr. Brizzolara, through his scholarship in naval hydrodynamics and innovative ship design, his innovative teaching methods, his service to the community, and his publications, has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the nation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Stefano Brizzolara be appointed to the Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Engineering for a renewable five-year term effective April 10, 2021, with an annual operating budget provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Crofton Professorship in Engineering**

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Dr. Devenport is an eminent scholar who has attained national and international recognition for his seminal and groundbreaking research in aerodynamics and aeroacoustics and for innovative engineering solutions. He is the inventor and developer of the *Hybrid Aeroacoustic Wind Tunnel* concept that has firmly established VT's preeminence in aeroacoustic research throughout the world. He has been successful in securing \$23.1M in research funding which includes more than \$5M in industrial funding. He has authored or co-authored more than 300 publications including a book and 69 articles in prestigious journals. He has a proven record of sustained excellence in teaching and service and of exemplary leadership.

Dr. Devenport has successfully applied the scientific knowledge he generated through his pathfinding research to create innovative, practical, and cost-effective engineering solutions to reduce noise produced by jet engines, wind turbines, steps and gaps on aircraft flaps, and wing tip vortices. While excelling at research and scholarship, William has proven himself to be an extremely effective teacher, as clearly exemplified by student evaluations. One of his most impressive teaching innovations involves development of effective means of integrating research and teaching to create a truly "hands-on, minds-on" experience for undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Devenport, through his scholarship in aerodynamics and aeroacoustics, his innovative teaching methods, his service to the community, and his publications, has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the nation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. William Devenport be appointed to the Crofton Professorship in Engineering for a renewable five-year term effective April 10, 2021, with a salary supplement and an annual operating budget as provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Dan Pletta Professorship**

The Dan Pletta Professorship in the College of Engineering was established in 1987 with a gift from the late Bruce W. Vorhauer. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Gerardo W. Flintsch as the Dan Pletta Professor, based on the recommendation of the Charles E. Via Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Flintsch is a prolific faculty member who is recognized nationally and internationally for his numerous contributions to the field of pavement engineering and asset management. Through his research and excellent scholarly works, Dr. Flintsch brings visibility and notoriety to Virginia Tech. Dr. Flintsch is author or co-author of 286 peer-reviewed papers and five books and book chapters. His publications have been cited in over 3,700 research articles. Dr. Flintsch is the recipient of the prestigious American Society for Testing and Materials H.W. Kummer Lecture Award for his contributions to the advancement of vehicle-pavement systems.

Dr. Flintsch established the Center for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) and has served as director since 2005. Dr. Flintsch has directed or co-directed over \$40M of external research funding at Virginia Tech through numerous multidisciplinary research and development projects in the U.S. and overseas. Dr. Flintsch now ranks in the top 1% of Virginia Tech faculty in research expenditures as principal investigator.

Dr. Flintsch has worked to emphasize sustainability themes across the curriculum and to incorporate active learning exercises using state-of-the-art software and real-world case studies. He has supervised 27 Ph.D. students and 42 M.S. students at Virginia Tech. In addition, Dr. Flintsch has participated in collaborative educational activities with 11 universities around the world.

Dr. Flintsch has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the nation and the world through his scholarship in the resilience and failures in civil engineering infrastructure systems, through his leadership at VTTI, and through his teaching, advising, and outreach.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Gerardo W. Flintsch be appointed to the Dan Pletta Professorship in Engineering for a renewable five-year term effective on April 10, 2021, with a salary supplement and an annual operating budget as provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellowship**

The late Steven O. Lane was a 1978 graduate of Virginia Tech. He was considered a worldwide leader in spacecraft antenna design, spending his entire career with Boeing Satellite Systems. Among his accomplishments were 12 patents and several professional papers. Steven loved Virginia Tech and always gave credit for his success in large part to his education. Dr. Julia Ross, Dean of the College of Engineering has nominated Assistant Professor Mona Ghassemi to the Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellowship, concurring with the recommendations of Dr. Luke F. Lester, department head of the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Honorifics Committee, and the College of Engineering Honorifics Committee. Dr. Ghassemi is qualified because she meets the criteria of the recipient to conduct research in antennas, electromagnetics, or related fields as directed by the donor.

Dr. Ghassemi earned her Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tehran in 2012, where she graduated with first honors. She received the B.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from Shahed University in Tehran in 2004, and the M.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tehran in 2007. From 2013 to 2015 she was a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada/Hydro-Quebec postdoctoral fellow at the University of Quebec, Canada and then a postdoctoral fellow at the Electrical Insulation Research Center at the University of Connecticut from 2015 to 2017. She joined the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Virginia Tech as a tenure-track assistant professor in the fall of 2017.

Dr. Ghassemi has earned a reputation of being a gifted researcher in the area of electromagnetics as applied to dielectric insulators for the power industry. Having consistently published high quality research results in top journals and conferences, Dr. Ghassemi's work has received four best paper awards from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power & Energy Society General Meeting, the IEEE Energy Conversion Congress & Expo, and the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> International Power Systems Conferences. These awards are particularly impressive given their high selectivity and rigorous competitiveness. Dr. Ghassemi is also a dedicated teacher who has successfully integrated her research ideas and discoveries into her instructional classes.

Dr. Ghassemi has shown outstanding research productivity during her relatively short career at Virginia Tech. Since joining Virginia Tech in 2017, her research has resulted in 48 publications in journals and conferences, with the majority of them in the top venues in her discipline. During this time, she has also received two best paper awards at very competitive conferences. She has secured or helped to secure a high level of sponsored funding to support her research. This includes the prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER grant award and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research Young Investigator Research Program award, which were both received in 2020. The total amount of her grant awards is \$6.1M, with her personal share being \$3M.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Mona Ghassemi be appointed the Steven O. Lane Junior Faculty Fellow of Electrical and Computer Engineering for a renewable three-year term effective on April 10, 2021, with a salary supplement and an annual operating budget as provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Elizabeth and James E. Turner, Jr. '56 Faculty Fellowship**

The Elizabeth and James E. Turner, Jr. '56 Faculty Fellowship in Biological Systems Engineering was established with a generous gift from Elizabeth and James E. Turner. The creation of this fellowship enables the Biological Systems Engineering Department to generate new interest in biotechnology engineering and watershed science and engineering. Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. Leigh-Anne Krometis as a Turner Fellow, based on the recommendations of the Department of Biological Systems Engineering and the department's Honorifics Committee.

Dr. Krometis has excelled in research and scholarship in the field of watershed science and engineering. The goal of Dr. Krometis' work is to enable sustainable development of rural landscapes by minimizing the public health threats posed by waterborne diseases and pollutants in drinking water. Dr. Krometis' high-visibility, high-impact, collaborative research in the emerging specialty of watershed epidemiology has been supported by over \$1M in new external funding over the past five years. The geographic context for her most recent work is local, regional (Central Appalachian Region), national and international. Dr. Krometis' scholarly contributions are outstanding in both their breadth and quality; she has published a total of 51 peer-reviewed scientific papers, including 22 in the past three years, in outlets that include her profession's most influential journals.

Dr. Krometis is one of her department's most effective and valued teachers, as evidenced by her recognition as the 2017 A.W. Farrall Young Educator award recipient, presented by her professional society, the American Society for Agricultural and Biological Engineers. She is accessible and approachable, a skilled practitioner of experiential learning, and a role model for Virginia Tech's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The courses that Dr. Krometis teaches, including Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment and Control, are foundational to watershed science and engineering specialty graduates, and always in demand.

Dr. Krometis, through her scholarship in Biological Systems Engineering and in the field of watershed science and engineering, has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the nation with her cutting-edge research, her outstanding scholarship, and her commendable teaching.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Leigh-Anne Krometis be appointed a Turner Fellow for a renewable five-year term effective April 10, 2021, with a salary supplement and annual operating budget as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholar match program.

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**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP**  
**Rolls-Royce Commonwealth Professorship**

Dean Julia Ross has nominated Dr. John "Jack" Lesko as the Rolls-Royce Commonwealth Professor, based on the recommendations of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Honorifics Committee. The professorship enables Virginia Tech faculty to generate new research in the field of enhanced performance on aircraft engine systems.

Dr. Lesko was a leading architect of the Rolls-Royce University Technology Center (UTC) and served as the interim director from 2017-2019 and served for over seven years on the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) Board of Directors. The CCAM was formed as part of a broader statewide initiative to attract Rolls-Royce to Virginia. Dr. Lesko worked with the leadership to grow the operations and expand faculty engagement with advanced manufacturing research through the partnership.

Dr. Lesko is highly regarded by the Rolls-Royce leadership in the United States and the United Kingdom, having built and sustained influential personal and professional relationships. He is regularly called up by Rolls-Royce leadership to help advance the UTC by scoping and developing new research applications, linking and building the interdisciplinary Virginia Tech's research assets expanding Rolls-Royce's research impact and technology development.

Dr. Lesko has excelled at highly interdisciplinary research and scholarship in materials development and manufacturing, and structural design, reliability, and durability. He has obtained external grants worth over \$23.7M in research funding, with a personal share of \$10.6M, publishing over 160 peer-reviewed articles. He has worked across more than seven departments, including Chemistry, Physics, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering with applications in civil infrastructure, aerospace, naval structures, and desalination membranes.

Professor Lesko's current multidisciplinary research addresses technology development important to Rolls-Royce's needs, including data-driven gas turbine life prediction, health monitoring, prognostication, and innovating new materials systems required for higher voltage power distribution technology necessary for future all-electric aviation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Jack Lesko be appointed to the Rolls-Royce Commonwealth Professorship in Engineering for a renewable five-year term effective April 10, 2021, with a salary supplement and operating budget as provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Engineering**

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Dr. Srinivasan is a recently promoted associate professor with tenure and has demonstrated exceptional performance in research, scholarship, teaching, and service. She has built a research program in critical technologies of national strategic importance, including plasma-material interactions and high-energy-density plasmas for fusion, propulsion, and national security applications. Her research is important for spacecraft and satellite propulsion and nuclear fusion for solving terrestrial energy needs for all of humanity.

She has quickly established herself at the unique intersection of plasma physics and aerospace engineering, and has already attracted \$6.5M to support her vibrant program of two postdoctoral researchers, eight Ph.D. students, and several M.S. and undergraduate students. A hallmark of her research program is collaboration with leading national laboratories such as the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratory. These collaborations position her for long-term success, and offer innumerable mentorship and career opportunities for her students. In recognition of her outstanding work, she has received the 2017 Dean's Outstanding Assistant Professor award, and the 2019 Dean's Faculty Fellow award.

Dr. Srinivasan, through her scholarship in plasma physics, her innovative teaching methods, her service to the community, and her publications, has made outstanding contributions to Virginia Tech, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the nation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Bhuvana Srinivasan be appointed to the Crofton Faculty Fellowship in Engineering for a renewable five-year term, effective April 10, 2021, with an annual operating budget provided by the endowment and the eminent scholar match program, if available.

March 22, 2021

**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**John F. Carroll, Jr. Junior Faculty Fellowship**  
**in Accounting and Information Systems**

The John F. Carroll, Jr. Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 2002 to provide support to attract and retain eminent scholars in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Assistant Professor Jingjing Huang. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Dr. Huang received her Ph.D. in 2014 from the University of Oregon. She joined the faculty in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Virginia Tech faculty that same year.

Dr. Huang is a productive researcher. Her research focuses on corporate taxation and its intersection with innovation, financial reporting, and international business. Since joining Virginia Tech, she has published four articles in Pamplin elite journals, making her the fourth most productive tax scholar among her 26 peer tax faculty at peer and aspirant universities. Her work addresses important organizational questions with significant implications for practice and public policy. Her research includes collaborations with colleagues across the college and at other prestigious universities.

Beyond her research accomplishments, Dr. Huang has made impressive contributions in teaching and service. She has taught at both the undergraduate and doctoral levels, receiving high evaluations from her students and her peers. She has also served on two doctoral dissertation committees. In short, Dr. Huang is a highly productive junior scholar fully deserving of this faculty fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Jingjing Huang be appointed to the John F. Carroll, Jr. Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems for a renewable three-year term effective August 10, 2021, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholar match program.

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**ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP**  
**Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellowship**  
**in Accounting and Information Systems**

The Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 2008 to provide support for an untenured assistant or associate professor whose work shows exceptional promise to enhance the teaching expertise of the recipient. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that this junior faculty fellowship be awarded to assistant professor of practice Jean Lacoste. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Jean Lacoste received her M.S. in Accounting and Information Systems in 1993 from Virginia Tech. She joined the faculty in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Virginia Tech in 1997 as an instructor. In 2020, she was promoted to assistant professor of practice.

Jean Lacoste has been a leader in the practice and development of online education. Her work has explored effective teaching practice in both synchronous and asynchronous online learning environments with a specific emphasis on student engagement in large online sections. She has developed effective multi-modal education for as many as 1,600 students per year, giving students the opportunity to choose how they interact with learning materials while enhancing learning, engagement, and satisfaction.

Her contributions to innovations in delivery and course development have been exceptional and consistent, receiving strong evaluations from her students and colleagues. She is an exceptional department citizen and colleague. In short, Jean Lacoste is a highly accomplished educator and student mentor fully deserving of this junior faculty fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Jean Lacoste be appointed to the Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellowship in Accounting and Information Systems for a renewable three-year term effective August 10, 2021, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholar match program.

March 22, 2021

**ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP****Wayne E. Leininger Professorship in Accounting and Information Systems**

The Wayne E. Leininger Professorship in Accounting and Information Systems was established in 1993 to provide support for the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The Department of Accounting and Information Systems has recommended that the professorship be awarded to Professor Ling Lei Lisic. The departmental Honorifics Committee and the College Honorifics and Awards Committee endorsed this nomination, as did Dean Robert Sumichrast.

Professor Lisic received her Ph.D. in 2008 from the University of Connecticut. She joined the faculty at George Mason University, receiving tenure and promotion to associate professor in 2015. In 2017, she joined the faculty of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Virginia Tech as associate professor with tenure and was promoted to professor in 2020.

Dr. Lisic is a prolific researcher. Her research spans auditing, corporate governance, corporate social responsibilities, executive compensation, and insider trading with significant implications for accounting practice and public policy. She has had 20 articles published in her career, six since joining Virginia Tech, five of which appear in Pamplin elite journals. Her research efforts include collaborations with doctoral students, department colleagues, as well as with colleagues at other prestigious universities. She is highly visible and respected in the field as a member of the editorial review board of *Contemporary Accounting Research* and as editor of the *Journal of International Accounting Research* since 2019. She has also given numerous invited presentations at prestigious universities in the United States and abroad.

Beyond her research accomplishments, Dr. Lisic has made impressive contributions in teaching and service. She has taught at both the undergraduate and doctoral levels, receiving very high evaluations from her students. She has been named the director of graduate programs overseeing the Ph.D. program in Accounting and Information Systems and has served on a number of completed doctoral dissertation committees. In short, Dr. Lisic is a highly accomplished scholar and mentor fully deserving of this professorship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Dr. Ling Lei Lisic be appointed to the Wayne E. Leininger Professor in Accounting and Information Systems for a renewable five-year term effective August 10, 2021, with a salary supplement as provided by the endowment and, if available, with funds from the eminent scholar match program.

March 22, 2021