Example – Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: John A. Doe

CURRENT TITLES: Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Otis Dudley Duncan Collegiate Professor of Sociology, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2009

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of John A. Doe as the Otis Dudley Duncan Collegiate Professor of Sociology for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2009.

Otis Dudley Duncan was a professor of sociology from 1962 to 1973 and is one of the most eminent living American sociologists. The Otis Dudley Duncan Collegiate Professorship in Sociology was established by the Regents in October 1995. A stipend funded from College resources accompanies this professorship.

John A. Doe received his Bachelor of Arts at Shanghai University of Technology in 1982. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he completed his Master of Arts and Master of Science in 1984 and his Doctorate in 1989. He joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 1989 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1996. He is also a research professor in both the Survey Research Center and the Population Studies Center in the Institute for Social Research.

Professor Doe is widely recognized as one of the discipline’s most imaginative and skilled methodologists. He has made original and significant contributions to the study of social stratification across a remarkably diverse range of social settings. He has also made important contributions to such diverse fields as demography, social statistics, and the sociology of science. He has authored or coauthored more than three dozen articles and book chapters, and his writings have appeared in the leading disciplinary journals. Recently, he has turned his considerable research skills toward the production of three very significant book manuscripts. Two are in
print and the third has been accepted for publication. His work is widely cited and has earned him numerous awards and honors, including a fellowship invitation to the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, election to the Sociological Research Association, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

An award winning teacher, Professor Doe combines analytic rigor, strong student support, and personal warmth. He strives to design courses that give students the kinds of manageable challenges that both teach students difficult material and allow them to realize how much they have learned. He is the mainstay for the Department of Sociology’s undergraduate and graduate curriculums. He is also a very effective mentor. He has published more than fifteen papers with students and his students have been appointed at several of the top ten sociology departments in the country.

Professor Doe is fair-minded, responsible, and highly efficient in carrying out his service responsibilities. He recently completed a two-year term as associate chair during which he introduced a number of important policy and programmatic improvements. He is easily among the Department’s most generous and civic-minded colleagues.

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Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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