

## Example – Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: John A. Doe

CURRENT TITLES: Oskar Klein Collegiate Professor of Physics and Professor of Physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Oskar Klein Collegiate Professor of Physics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

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

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of John A. Doe to the Oskar Klein Collegiate Professorship in Physics for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2009.

Oskar Klein was an assistant professor at the University of Michigan from 1923 until 1925. The Oskar Klein Collegiate Professorship in Physics was established by the Regents in August 1999. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Professor Doe attended the University of London where he received his Bachelor of Science in 1969 at Queen Mary College, and his Doctorate in 1972 at Imperial College. Following a series of postdoctoral and research fellowship appointments, he joined the faculty at Imperial College in 1980 as a lecturer. He was promoted to reader in 1985. He took up his professorship at Texas A & M University in 1988 and was appointed distinguished professor in 1992. He joined our faculty in 1999.

Professor Doe is an internationally recognized leader in string theory, a field that aims to unify all physical phenomena, from electromagnetism to quantum mechanics to gravity. He has made seminal contributions in removing barriers to the sensibility of string theory. In particular, he has shown that several competing string theories are actually different cases of a single underlying string theory, resulting in the advent of a broader M-theory. As a worldwide ambassador for avant-garde high-energy physics and theoretical physics in general, he is regularly featured in popular educational media. His appearance on the PBS program *NOVA*, “The Elegant Universe,” is just one example.

Under Professor Doe's leadership, the Department of Physics has made impressive steps in theoretical physics, one of the great strengths of the department. This stems largely from his vision and directorship of the Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics. This center has been extremely successful in attracting world-renowned theorists in all areas. Professor Doe has also overseen the targeted growth of high-energy physics by attracting several top junior faculty.

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Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:

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Terrence J. McDonald, Interim Dean  
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Paul N. Courant, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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