MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Chairpersons
University Distinguished Professors, and Named/Endowed Professors and Chairs

FROM: June Pierce Youatt
Provost

SUBJ: University Distinguished Professor Nominations

Nominations are invited for individuals to be designated as Michigan State University Distinguished Professors (UDP). Important UDP eligibility criteria include: candidates must be a member of the MSU faculty, hold the rank of full professor with tenure and must have a record of distinguished achievements in teaching, research and public service. While first consideration is given to other nominees, individuals currently holding named professorships or chairs are eligible to apply for the UDP designation as long as they have completed five years of service at MSU at the time of application deadline (Thursday, March 9, 2017).

College-level nominations may be made using procedures developed in each college which include peer review. In addition, each current named professor and University Distinguished Professor may submit nominations independently to the Office of the Provost. Nominations submitted directly to the Office of the Provost will be submitted to the appropriate college(s) for comment and returned to the Office of the Provost in a timely fashion for referral to the standing Advisory Committee to the Provost. The standing Advisory Committee provides advice on UDP nominations and makes recommendations to the Provost for transmittal to the President. The Committee is appointed by the Provost and is composed of four faculty members and three deans.

Up to ten faculty members will be selected as University Distinguished Professors from the group of nominees. Nominations must be submitted no later than Thursday, March 9, 2017. Please send completed nominations to Katie Rundblad at rundblad@msu.edu; hard copies may be delivered or sent to 430 Administration Building. Questions may be directed to Theodore H. Curry II, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Human Resources, (3-5300 or thecurry@msu.edu) or Katie Rundblad (2-1075 or rundblad@msu.edu).

The list of faculty members recommended by the selection committee for this designation will be submitted for approval to the Board of Trustees at the June 2017 meeting. Please note that an evening reception to recognize the faculty members selected for the University Distinguished Professor designation will be held fall semester 2017. Invitations to the reception will be sent in September 2017.

This memorandum, the information below, and the list of University Distinguished Professors are available at http://www.ahr.msu.edu/all-university-awards.
**University Distinguished Professor**

The title University Distinguished Professor will be conferred on selected members of the Michigan State University faculty to recognize distinguished achievement in teaching, research and public service.* A University Distinguished Professorship will be held for the remainder of the recipient's active service at Michigan State University; the title University Distinguished Professor Emeritus will be conferred upon retirement. Individuals holding a University Distinguished Professorship will receive, in addition to salary, an average stipend of five thousand dollars for five years to support professional activities. Assignments for University Distinguished Professors will be arranged with the dean, chairperson/director and the Provost. The designation will be highly honorific and consequently very exclusive. Membership in this category will reflect the diverse scholarly dimensions of Michigan State University.

**Criteria for Selecting University Distinguished Professors**

In general, University Distinguished Professors will have been recognized nationally and usually internationally for the importance of their scholarly achievements. They will also have demonstrated the breadth of interest characteristically encompassed by the traditional role of professor as teacher and public servant. In addition, they will have brought distinction to Michigan State University as a result of their activities.

Specifically, a University Distinguished Professor will have achieved a record judged by peers to be superior and outstanding in preferably all but in at least two of the following areas: superior teaching skills of recognized breadth and depth in their discipline; scholarly, creative, and artistic achievements; and a distinguished record of public service exemplified by the application of scholarship and/or creative and artistic endeavors in addressing the needs of one or more external publics.

University Distinguished Professors will have already achieved an outstanding record comparable to that of scholars awarded named professorships at MSU and elsewhere. That record will have been recognized by the University at previous opportunities where merit is rewarded—such as salary increases.

University Distinguished Professorships will be conferred on members of the Michigan State University faculty whose achievement has already been recognized by the University with the rank of full professor; the title is not to be used for recruiting outsiders.

**Selection Process**

University Distinguished Professorships will be awarded by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the Provost and President. A committee of faculty and deans will advise these officers.

A. From time to time the Provost will request nominations for University Distinguished Professorships from members of the faculty, deans, directors, and chairpersons. Nominations may be submitted and reviewed at any time.

B. Written nominations will be submitted to the Provost. Any supporting materials which are recycled (whether submitted for internal or external awards) should be updated according to the explicitly addressed University Distinguished Professor criteria above. The strong preference of the review committee is to receive support documents clearly linked to University Distinguished Professor selection; failure to do so will likely impact the nominee's candidacy.
ONE COPY (must be clear and readable when scanned for committee review). Supporting materials are to be arranged in the order below.

1. Completed **DATA FORM**. See below. Pages 5-6.

2. A **COVER LETTER** making or supporting the nomination and providing a summary of the candidate's achievements.

3. The candidate's **CURRICULUM VITA**.

4. **LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT FROM RELEVANT DEANS AND CHAIRPERSONS OR DIRECTORS**. These administrators will consult with appropriate department, school or college advisory committees before endorsing nominations.

5. **REFEREE QUALIFICATION**. A brief (two to three sentences) paragraph on each referee (author of support letter).

6. Not more than **FOUR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM FACULTY AND OTHER COLLEAGUES AT THIS AND ESPECIALLY OTHER INSTITUTIONS**, assessing the candidate’s record of achievements in teaching, research, or outreach and engagement.

7. Not more than **TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PRESENT AND FORMER STUDENTS** are encouraged when appropriate.
C. A standing advisory committee of four faculty members and three deans, appointed by the Provost and serving four-year terms on a staggered basis, will review nominations and make recommendations to the Provost for transmittal to the President. Nominations for committee members will be obtained from both the University Committee on Academic Governance and the Council of Deans. Committee members must be tenured professors who have outstanding records of teaching, research, and/or outreach and engagement and are committed to the multi-dimensional concept of excellence valued by Michigan State University. The selection of the committee’s membership must ensure the inclusion of women and minorities.

*It is expected that in time, as a result of Development Fund efforts, endowment support will be obtained for many University Distinguished Professorships resulting in the addition of a name to the title.

APPROVED
Faculty Council 4/11/89
Academic Council 5/16/89
Board of Trustees 6/9/89
Please complete this form (pages 5 and 6) and include as cover sheet to candidate’s supporting materials.

NOMINEE DATA

Nominee: ____________________________________________

(IMPORTANT: PRINT NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON AWARD CERTIFICATE)

Address (Office) _______________________________________

(Home) _____________________________________________

Phone (Office) _______________________________________

Email ________________________________________________

PHONE (Home) _______________________________________

Academic Rank _______________________________________

Title _________________________________________________

Department(s)/College(s) 1 __________________________________

Appointment Date ______________________________________

Please include a percentage estimate of the effort devoted to each:

Teaching __________ %

Research __________ %

Public Service/Outreach __________ % (should total 100%)

Is Nominee Aware that s/he is nominated?

YES _______ NO _______

1 Please list joint appointments, listing primary appointment first.
NOMINATOR

Nominator:______________________________________

Is Nominator a named professor or university distinguished professor submitting the nomination directly to the provost?

Yes_______  No_______

Academic Rank/Title____________________________________

Department/College____________________________________

Office Address____________________________________

Email Address____________________________________

Phone No.____________________________________
Michigan State University  
University Distinguished Professors

1990  David Anderson  
       Sam M. Austin  
       Henry Blosser  
       Jere Brophy  
       Bang-Yen Chen  
       Warren I. Cohen  
       James L. Dye  
       Michele M. Fluck  
       C. Konrad Gelbke  
       Bradley Greenberg  
       Dean L. Haynes  
       John M. Hunter  
       Hans Kende  
       Mordechai Kreinin  
       Judith E. Lanier  
       John R. Lloyd  
       Gerald Miller  
       E. James Potchen  
       Charles Sweeley  
       Diane Wakoski  
       Mary Zabik  

1997  Jes Asmussen  
       Mohammed Ayoob  
       Gerald Babcock  
       Walter Benenson  
       Lawrence M. Busch  
       Lawrence T. Drzal  
       Shelagh Ferguson- Miller  
       Ronald A. Fintushel  
       Susan Mary Gass  
       Edwin Kashy  
       Elsa Verderber  
       Kalinath Mukherjee  
       Daniel Nocera  
       Thomas J. Pinnavaia  
       Natasha V. Raikhel  
       Peter Schmidt  
       Harvey V. Sparks  
       Micheal F. Thorpre  
       Peter J. Wagner  

1998  Charles K. Atkin  
       Kim R. Dunbar  
       Hiram E. Fitzgerald  
       Kenneth G. Keegstra  
       Glenda T. Lappan  
       Tien Yien Li  
       Ram Narasimhan  
       A. Allan Scmid  
       William H. Schmidt  
       Jan A. D. Zeevaart  

1992  Martin J. Bukovac  
       Carl K. Eicher  
       Katharine Clarke Hunt  
       Anil K. Jain  
       Veronica M. Maher  
       J. Justin McCormick  
       Penelope L. Peterson  
       David W. Robinson  
       David W. Rohde  
       Neal W. Schmitt  
       Geneva Smitherman  
       Chrisopher R. Somerville  
       James M. Tiedje  
       Alexander I. Tulinsky  

1990  Jack R. Harkema  
       Hassan K. Khalil  
       John B. Ohlrogge  
       Dennis R. Preston  
       Bradley M. Sherrill  
       Terrie E. Taylor  
       Michael F. Thomashow  
       Gary D. Westfall  

2003  Howard Brody  
       Marilyn Frye  

2005  Stephen A. Boyd  
       Joan Ferrini-Mundy  
       John W. Frost  
       Katherine L. Gross  
       John B. Kaneene  
       Jianguo Liu  
       David J. Morrissey  
       Robert J. Myers  
       Michael Pressley  
       Yong Zhao  

2001  Kris Arvid Berglund  
       John A. Breznak  
       William S. Davidson II  
       Barbara Given  
       M. G. Kanatzidis  
       Jack Preiss  
       William L. Smith  
       Alexander Volberg  
       Jeffrey M. Wooldridge  
       M. Richard Zinman  

1992  Wolfgang Bauer  
       Timothy C. Beers  
       Michael Bratton  
       Gary L. Cloud  
       Robert E. Floden  
       Roger C. Haut  
       Laurie Simon Kaguni  
       Ramani Narayan  
       Piotr Piecuch  
       William W. Taylor  

2007  Michael S. Allen  
       Pamela J. Fraker  
       Thomas Glasmacher  
       Kay E. Holekamp  
       Ellen Ernst Kossek  
       Nigel S. Paneth  
       Mark D. Reckase  
       G. Philip Robertson  
       Satish S. Udpa  
       Suzanne M. Wilson
Michigan State University
University Distinguished Professors

2011 Raymond Brock
  Jay Pil Choi
  Deborah L. Feltz
  John R. Hollenbeck
  Paul F. Mantica
  Richard Merritt
  James Pestka
  Barbara Schneider
  Steven W. Shaw
  Jerry Weinberger
  Ning Xi

2013 Georg Bollen
  Bruce E. Dale
  Dean DellaPenna
  Sheng Yang He
  James D. Kelly
  Fang Zheng Peng
  Elizabeth H. Simmons
  Cheryl L. Sisk
  Rodney T. Whitaker

2015 Roger J. Calantone
  Marcos Dantus
  Joseph C. Gardiner
  Mary K. Hausbeck
  Michael J. Leahy
  Linda S. Mansfield
  Hendrik Schatz
  Thomas D. Sharkey
  Robert C. Smith
  Michael Thoennessen