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To: Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity
From: Suresh Garimella, Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships 
Re: Request with Supporting Documentation for the Nomination of Jean-Christophe "Chris" Rochet as the Krenicki Director of the Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience
Date: March 22, 2019

It is my pleasure to nominate Dr. Chris Rochet as the Krenicki Director of the Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience (PIIN). As you will see from the contents of the supporting documentation for this named directorship, Dr. Rochet is highly qualified for the position.

Letters were received from leading national and international neuroscience researchers from: Stanford University, Lund University (Sweden), University of Toronto, University of Pittsburgh and Iowa State University.

Opinions were uniform and highly supportive and included such comments as:

"He made seminal discoveries that led to new insights into our understanding of the dopaminergic neuron selectivity of alpha-Syn protein toxicity in the context of Parkinson's disease."

"Dr. Rochet matches these unique qualities with leadership skills that unite investigators to pursue common objectives, giving each individual a valuable place in the team and thus making the entire group engaged and motivated to reach the goals."

"He has not only developed a unique research profile in his area but also provided compelling evidence to guide the field forward in key questions that were investigated at the relevant times."

"I believe that Dr. Rochet's research has the potential to translate basic knowledge into treatments as quickly as possible to benefit patients, and that Dr. Rochet has the caliber to lead the Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience into the exciting next phase."

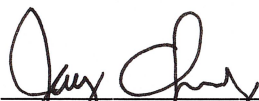
"Looking ahead into his future role and contribution to science, I can say without hesitation that as the director of PIIN, he will have a very positive and direct impact on the development of the Institute, bringing it to the top level in the country."

"Overall a high degree of creativity has been demonstrated on Dr. Rochet's part which has established him as one of the top investigators in his field. In my opinion, this also reflects an outstanding capacity to foster collaborations as well as make substantial contributions to neuroscience research."

We are indeed fortunate to have attracted Chris to the position of Director of the Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience in Discovery Park and look forward to approval of his appointment as the Krenicki Director.

Approval Recommended:

Approved:



Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs and Diversity



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

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