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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Akridge  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Karen Plaut *Karen Plaut*  
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture

Mark Lundstrom *Mark Lundstrom*  
Acting Dean of Engineering

DATE: July 20, 2020

SUBJECT: MAHA Fluid Power Chair

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Andrea Vacca, Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, for appointment as the Maha Fluid Power Faculty Chair.

Dr. Vacca is a distinguished scholar in the field. His professional work in Purdue's Maha Fluid Power Research Center leads to novel solutions for high impact areas of fluid power systems. He is well-known and respected worldwide and publishes regularly in high impact 1<sup>st</sup> tier journals. As Dr. Kim Stelson attests, Dr. Vacca is "a true ambassador for the fluid power technology, and there are very few scholars in the world that have a similar level of passion for fluid power."

Attached you will find Dr. Vacca's recommendation letter from Drs. Nathan Mosier and Eckhard Groll, full CV, support letters, and abbreviated CV. I hope that you will agree with the letter writers, including many international referees, that Dr. Vacca has distinguished himself as a leading scientist in fluid power and is worthy of this distinction. I add my full support and hope that you will approve this appointment and recommend Dr. Andrea Vacca to the Board of Trustees for the Maha Fluid Power Faculty Chair.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approved:

*Jay T. Akridge*  
Jay T. Akridge, Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Diversity

7/21/20

Date

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*Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.*  
Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

8/26/20

Date