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TO: Jay Akridge, Provost
 FROM: Karen Plaut, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture
 DATE: January 3, 2022
 RE: Distinguished Professor Nomination

Jay, it is my pleasure to submit to you the nomination of Dr. Jessica Gurevitch for Distinguished Professor of Forestry and Natural Resources. The Primary Committee unanimously endorsed Dr. Gurevitch's nomination, as did a review committee of Distinguished Professors chaired by Dr. Linda Lee and including Drs. Gebisa Ejeta, Jayson Lusk, Richard Kuhn, and Chris Staiger.

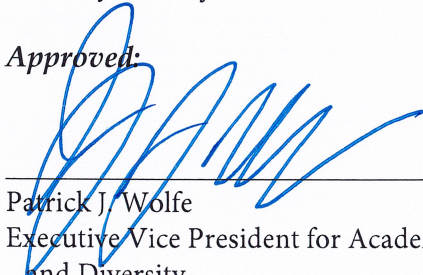
The nomination packet includes letters from leading scholars at prestigious institutions involved in the study of ecology and the environment. These 9 letters clearly support her nomination.

Dr. Katriona Shea states that "she has influenced an extraordinarily high proportion of the current ecological research done worldwide," and that "she stands at the pinnacle of our field with very few other individuals." Dr. Jeffrey Dukes indicates that "Dr. Gurevitch is an exceptional scholar with a broadly recognized, stellar reputation as a researcher," and that "she should be a slam dunk for appointment as a Distinguished Professor." Dr. Yvonne Buckley calls her "a world leader in methodology for research synthesis through meta-analysis in ecology," whose "unique contribution to ecology underline her leadership and ability to look at the 'big picture' to generate insights into complex ecological systems that have traditionally been studied at the individual species or system scale." I share their enthusiasm and fully support the Department and the review committee in their recommendation of Dr. Gurevitch for this distinction.

Attached you will find the summary report from the review committee, the nomination from Dr. Wagner, the letters of recommendation, the Form 36, Dr. Gurevitch's CV, and abbreviated CV. I hope you and President Daniels will agree that Dr. Gurevitch is worthy of this distinction and that you will in turn recommend her to the Board of Trustees as the next Distinguished Professor in the College of Agriculture.

Thank you for your consideration of our nomination.

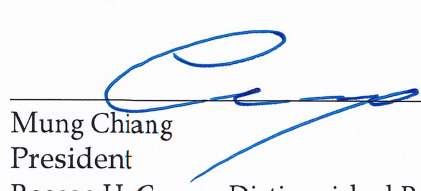
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