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TO: Patrick J. Wolfe  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Eric L. Barker  
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SUBJECT: Named Professorship Approval Request

DATE: November 30, 2023

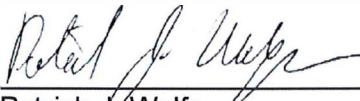
This memo requests approval to name Dr. Rong Huang as the **Evanson-McCoy Professor**, effective July 1, 2024. Dr. Huang is a Professor in the College of Pharmacy, and her highly impactful research focuses on understanding and targeting epigenetic modifications in cells with an emphasis on drug discovery. Professor Huang has identified new ways to regulate epigenetic pathways, offering potential avenues for developing novel therapeutic agents to combat pathological conditions such as cancer and neurodegenerative disorders. After her nomination by Dr. Zhong-Yin Zhang, Director of the Purdue Institute for Drug Discovery and Head of the Borch Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, her credentials as a scholar for this appointment were unanimously supported by the College Area Committee.


Jack and Barb McCoy have donated \$500,000 to fund the Evanson-McCoy Professorship in Pharmacy. The endowment is matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation Matching Endowment. The Evanson-McCoy Professorship in Pharmacy funds a dual chair in the Purdue College of Pharmacy and the Cancer Institute. The Executive Leadership of the Purdue Institute for Cancer Research has also endorsed this nomination.

The College of Pharmacy and the Institute for Cancer Research request your endorsement to move this naming request forward to the Purdue Board of Trustees for approval.

Approval Recommended:

Approved:

  
Patrick J. Wolfe Date  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs and Diversity  
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