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To: Patrick Wolfe, Provost

From: Mark Lundstrom, John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering *Mark Lundstrom*

Date: August 27, 2026

Subject: Recommendation for a Named Professorship, Dr. Chih-Chun Wang as the Hewlett-Packard Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Chih-Chun Wang for a Named Professorship as the Hewlett-Packard Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

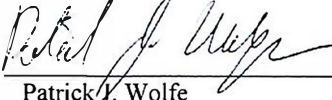
Dr. Wang's case has received outstanding support from the Engineering Named Professorship Committee, largely for his research contributions focused on network coding, broadcast and erasure channels with feedback, graph-based error-correcting codes, low-latency streaming codes, and Age-of-Information (AoI). He is particularly well known for providing rare and powerful characterizations of multi-source and delay-constrained network coding problems—areas long regarded as intractable—and for introducing graph-theoretic and optimization-based frameworks that yielded both physical insight and implementable algorithms.

Dr. Wang is well regarded in his professional community, being named a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in 2024, an elite distinction. He's been well supported in basic research, from his NSF CAREER to another dozen NSF grants totaling over \$6M for fundamental research. He's held leadership positions within the scientific field, serving on the editorial board of IEEE Transactions on Information Theory and co-chair of Age and Semantics of Information currently. He has been a key member of the IEEE Communications Society Technical Program Committee, organizing dozens of symposia for the organization.

All the external letters speak highly of Prof. Wang's contribution. Examples of comments include notes such as that from: **Dr. Rayadurgam Srikant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, IEEE Fellow: *"[Dr. Wang]...a renowned information and network theorist who has made important contributions to the field of network coding and its applications to sensor and communication networks."* **Dr. Raymond Yeung, Co-Director of The Chinese University of Hong Kong**, *"Prof. Wang has established himself as a pioneering researcher in network information science. His research interest has expanded tremendously throughout the years, covering almost all aspects of network communications. There are not many researchers around who have attained his breath and depth."* Other comments such as *"...Chih-Chun is a scholar in every sense of the word. He is an outstanding mentor to his students, is an editors' dream reviewer, providing timely, thorough and fair reviews, and an active member of the community serving on numerous technical program committees in both networking and information theory. He is a researcher extraordinaire,"* writes **Dr. Ness Shroff of Ohio State University** reflect the breath of his impact in all dimensions. *"Prof. Wang is an outstanding scholar, educator, and contributor to the profession. Purdue University is fortunate to have such a dedicated and accomplished colleague,"* echos **Dr. Gerhard Kramer, Technical University of Munich**.

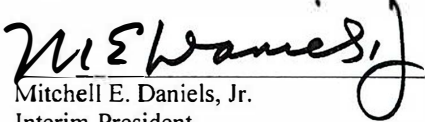
In summary, the ENPC committee determined that Dr. Wang's impressive contributions to research and his leadership in information theory, network coding, and network communications make him an ideal candidate for the Hewlett-Packard Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and I agree with this designation.

Approval Recommended:

 09/11/2026

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