**MEMORANDUM**

To: Daniel A. Reed, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Ann Darling, Assistant Vice President, Undergraduate Studies

Date: March 23, 2020

Re: University Professor for 2020-2022

I am pleased to forward to you the Undergraduate Council’s recommendation for appointment to the special rank of University Professor for the 2020-2022 academic years. From a field of outstanding applicants, the Council has selected Professor Anne Cook who is jointly appointed in the Department of Educational Psychology in the College of Education. In the judgment of the Undergraduate Council, Professor Cook is eminently qualified for the rank of University Professor.

The rank of University Professor offers faculty who have attained unusual distinction in undergraduate teaching the opportunity to launch a new project that will make significant differences in our students’ educational experiences. This project should reflect the rich traditions of inquiry or creative activity found in one or more of the four areas that constitute the Intellectual Explorations component of our students’ General Education studies, as well as courses that satisfy the University’s graduation requirements.

Professor Cook proposes to develop a unique course that will prepare a broad range of undergraduate students to understand and participate in the research mission of the University. The course will be developed in partnership with the Office of Undergraduate Research and will supplement the programs currently offered by that unit. In her proposal Professor Cook also describes using the University Professorship to create workshops to support mentee training and run a mini-conference on the undergraduate research experience.

Professor Cook’s background, teaching and research makes her well-suited to design and teach the proposed course. She has been involved with the Office of Undergraduate Research for several years, has supported many undergraduate students in UROP projects, and has supported other faculty in her college to engage with the Office of Undergraduate Research.

We request your assistance in forwarding the nomination of Professor Cook to the Senate and Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval.

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Thank you for your assistance and for your support of the University Professorship.

Enclosures

cc: President Ruth Watkins

 Martha Bradley, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

 Elaine Clark, Dean, College of Education

 Jason Burrows-Sanchez, Chair, Department of Educational Psychology

 Jane Laird, Secretary of the Faculty

 Ann Holbrook, Executive Assistant, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs