

Board Meeting
May 17, 2007

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action: Approve Appointment of Vice President for Academic Affairs

Funding: State Appropriated Funds

It is my pleasure to recommend to the Board of Trustees the appointment of Mrinalini Chatta Rao, presently Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Chicago, and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Professor of Medicine, and Research Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine at Chicago, as Vice President for Academic Affairs, University Administration, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of \$245,000, with a Summer 2007 starting date to be determined.

Dr. Rao will continue to hold the rank of Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, College of Medicine at Chicago, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine at Chicago, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; and Research Professor of Medicine, College of Medicine at Chicago, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for defining and shaping strategic academic priorities and directions for the University, provides advice on

important academic policy issues, and helps support key academic initiatives. The Vice President reports to the President and works closely with the campus chancellors, the other vice presidents, and the campus provosts and also the University Senates Conference. The Institute for Government and Public Affairs and the University of Illinois Press report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. On behalf of the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs chairs key University-wide committees and serves as a member of the University Policy Council, composed of University Officers.

This follows a thorough review of the responsibilities of the position and its place in the University administrative structure. The search was conducted internally with the aid of an advisory committee¹.

The University Senates Conference concurs with this recommendation.

I seek your approval.

(A biographical sketch is attached.)

¹James D. Anderson, *Chair*, Professor, Gutgsell Professor and Head, Department of Educational Policy Studies, College of Education, Urbana-Champaign; May R. Berenbaum, Professor, Jubilee Professor, Swanlund Chair, and Head, Department of Entomology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Urbana-Champaign; Christopher Z. Mooney, Professor of Political Studies, College of Public Affairs and Administration, Springfield, and Professor, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University Administration; Phillip S. Paludan, Professor and Naomi Lynn Distinguished Chair of Lincoln Studies, History Program, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Springfield; Charlotte A. (“Toby”) Tate, Professor of Movement Sciences and Dean, College of Applied Health Sciences, Chicago (served previously as Interim Provost at Chicago); Jeremy Thau Teitelbaum, Professor of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science and Visiting Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chicago; Ann C. Weller, Professor of Library Science and Special Collections Librarian, Richard J. Daley Library, Chicago; Matthew B. Wheeler, Professor of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana-Champaign.

MRINALINI CHATTA RAO

Education

University of Delhi, India, B.Sc.,1969; M.Sc., 1971

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, Diploma, 1972

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, M.S., 1974; Ph.D., 1977

Professional and Other Experience

Government of India, 1966-72, National Science Talent Scholar

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1974, Instructor

Ford Foundation, 1973-77, Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Chicago, Illinois, 1977-78, Research Associate, Department of Medicine;

1978-80, Research Associate/NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Medicine;

1980-83, Research Associate (Assistant Professor), Department of Medicine

University of Illinois at Chicago, 1984-89, Assistant Professor of Physiology and

Biophysics; 1989-96, Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics and Joint

Appointment, Department of Medicine Section of Digestive and Liver Diseases;

1996-date, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics; 1996-date, Joint Appointment,

Professor, Department of Medicine Section of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition;

1999-2001, Associate Dean, Graduate College; 2001-02, Executive Associate Dean,

Graduate College; 2002-date, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs