Chandler Professorship in Computer Science

Preamble

The Lecil and Barbara Chandler Endowed Professorship in Computer Science was established at The University of Texas at Tyler through a gift from Led and Barbara Chandler on 10 November 2003. This endowment was made in honor of Dr. Stephen B. Rainwater, a member of the computer science faculty at The University of Texas at Tyler, and a friend and neighbor of the Chandlers. The intention of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler is that revenue from the endowment be used benefit faculty responsibilities in teaching, service, and scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY

The Chandler Endowed Professorship in Computer Science will be awarded to a tenured or tenure-track member of the computer science faculty, with the rank of Associate Professor or Professor, who both teaches and conducts research in any field of computer science (CS) or Computer Information Systems (CIS). The recipient of the professorship can be a current member of the computer science faculty who satisfies the selection criteria or an individual being recruited for the faculty.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The successful candidate must have been actively engaged in teaching and research in any area of CS/CIS for a period of at least six years pnor to being appointed to the professorship, commensurate with his or her academic rank at the time of appointment. Specifically, the selected candidate must have a demonstrated record of effective teaching and innovation in the undergraduate classroom, a sustained record of scholarship and graduate teaching consistent with his or her academic rank, and a demonstrated and growing record of *nationally recognized scholarship and professional service.* Focus of the scholarship must be on peer-reviewed journal articles in high quality journals {as measured by citations and impact factors). Scholarship may also include external grants that ultimately result in journal publications.

EXPECTATIONS

The Chandler Endowed Professor in Computer Science is expected to be a collegial leader at the University and at the national level in his or her field of computer science. The Chandler Endowed Professor is expected to provide leadership for innovation in the undergraduate classroom, to mentor undergraduate students and involve them in research, to disseminate results of research with graduate students at national conferences, to work within the regional community to enhance awareness of and preparation for computer science education ;and to provide service to projects benefiting the community in his or her area of expertise. If the Chandler Endowed Professor is a senior of the faculty, he or she is expected to mentor junior faculty in the department and college.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION

A search and screening committee for selection of the candidate to fill the professorship shall consist of two computer science faculty members elected by the computer science faculty, a faculty member outside the Department of Computer Science appointed by the Dean, a faculty member outside the College appointed by the Provost, and a junior or senior student in the Department of Computer Science selected by the committee members. At its first meeting, the search and screening committee will elect a chair. If the professorship is being used to recruit a new member to the faculty, the search and screening committee shall be the faculty search and screening committee.

The search and screening committee will make public announcement of the availability of the professorship and will review all nominations for the professorship. Candidates can be self-nominated, can be nominated by another individual, or can be solicited by the search and screening committee. All deliberations of the committee will be confidential to the committee.

The search and screening committee will recommend an appropriate candidate to fill the professorship to the Dean. The Dean will forward a recommendation for the recipient of the professorship, as well as the entire slate of candidates, to the Provost for review and approval.

USE OF THE REVENUE GENERATED

The revenue available to the Chandler Endowed Professor will be that generated by the endowment as governed by University policy. The corpus of the endowment cannot be used by the Chandler Endowed Professor, nor can any revenue by the endowment be used to provide a salary supplement for the Chandler Endowed Professor. Revenue from the professorship can be used for student support, for travel, for equipment, and for other uses at the discretion of the Chandler Endowed Professor, as governed by University policy.

REVIEW AND REAPPOINTMENT

The Chandler Endowed Professor shall be reviewed every four years by a committee of peers. The review committee shall consist of two members of the computer science faculty, the department chair, and a representative appointed by the Dean. If the department chair is the Chandler Endowed Professor, the chair of another department appointed by the Dean will serve on the review committee. The department chair will serve as chair of the review committee. At the completion of the review, the review committee will forward its recommendation to the Dean, who will report the outcome to the Provost. All deliberations of the review committee are to be confidential.

The Chandler Endowed Professor will be reviewed with the same criteria used for selection of the professor, except that only the Chandler Endowed Professor's accomplishments during the preceding term will be considered. Consideration will be given to use of the revenue generated by the professorship to benefit the teaching and scholarship mission of the department.

Upon successful review, the Chandler Endowed Professor will be reappointed for an additional four-year term. Upon an unsuccessful review, the Chandler Endowed Professor will be notified that the appointment as Chandler Endowed Professor will not be renewed.