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SUBJECT: Campus-wide Named Chairs and Professorships - Open for 2019-20

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The following campus-wide chairs or professorships are available for the 2019-20 academic year:

- Isaacson Professorship (1 available)
- Regent’s/Foundation Professorship (2 available)
- Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship (1 available)

The Isaacson Professorship and the Regent’s/Foundation Professorship are awarded on the basis of outstanding performance in research/creative activity. Appointments are made for a three-year period. The professorship typically carries a $5,000 supplement to the annual salary. Eligibility is limited to faculty holding the rank of full professor. The professorships are renewable for one three-year period based on review of performance. Faculty currently holding another designated professorship may be considered; however, only one such appointment may be held at a time.

The Peter Kiewit Distinguished Professorship is awarded on the basis of outstanding performance in research/creative activity and in teaching. Appointments are made for a three-year period. The professorship typically carries a $5,000 supplement to the annual salary. Eligibility is limited to faculty holding the rank of full professor. The professorships are renewable for one three-year period based on review of performance. Faculty currently holding another designated professorship may be considered; however, only one such appointment may be held at a time.

Evaluation Criteria
Excellence in research or creative activity and teaching (for professorships focusing on teaching) will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below. The nomination materials should be
concise and focused, and should provide evidence related to the evaluation criteria. Examples of possible indicators are listed after each criterion, but do not constitute an exhaustive list.

**Research**

- Impact and visibility of the research/creative activity in the discipline and among external audiences (e.g., quantity of work, quality of outlets, citation counts, showings/exhibitions, invited performances).
- Impact of the research/creative activity on the university and internal audiences (e.g., external funding, student mentoring and/or research opportunities, collaborative work with faculty or students leading to presentations, publications, etc., campus showings, exhibitions, or performances).
- Reputation and recognition as an expert among a national or international audience (e.g., external letters from peers in the discipline, honors/awards).
- Sustained record of research or creative activity over time.

**Teaching**

- Classroom teaching excellence (e.g., course evaluations, peer observations, pedagogical tools, service learning, honors sections).
- Teaching excellence outside the classroom (e.g., chair/member student honors, thesis, or dissertation committee, mentoring students or supervising student research or creative activity, supervising independent studies or directed readings, academic or career advising).
- Curriculum development and/or pedagogical innovations (e.g., new course development, new pedagogies, professional development activities related to teaching).
- Publications and presentations related to teaching excellence (e.g., research or creative activity articles, text books, invited lectures, leading workshops).

**Nomination and Application Information**

Nomination and application materials for campus-wide professorships for 2019-20 are due electronically by March 1, 2019 and will be reviewed by the Professorship Committee. Nominations are valid for up to three years¹ though they may be updated by the nominee, if desired. Nominees will be considered for all identified professorships for which they are eligible and have submitted appropriate materials, as described below:

All applications should include the following:

- Personal statement by the nominee describing how s/he has established a sustained record of excellence in research or creative activity.
- Current CV with complete information

¹ For this review cycle, applications received during or after the 2016-17 academic year will be reviewed for 2019-20 professorships.
- Research/creative activity entries should include at a minimum peer-reviewed work, books, presentations, performances, exhibitions, percentage of contribution (if possible), and externally funded work including the funding agency, duration, and amount of funding.
- Applicants who want to be considered for a Kiewit Professorship at a minimum must also include teaching activities on the CV; at a minimum a list of courses taught, course evaluations for the last 5 years, and honors project, theses, and dissertation committees.
  - Letter of nomination by the Department Chair, School Director, or a UNO faculty member holding the rank of Professor.
  - Letter of support from the Dean of the nominee’s college.
  - Three external letters of support that speak to the research/creative activity record and specifically address its broader impact on the discipline as well as its impact beyond the discipline (e.g., impact on public policy, human rights, quality of life, etc.). If appropriate, the letter may also address the candidate’s teaching record. The nominee is expected to make arrangements to have the letters sent directly to Candice Batton at cbatton@unomaha.edu.
  - A sample (i.e., 3-5 items) of the nominee’s research or creative activity.

Application materials must be received electronically by March 1, 2019 for full consideration by the Professorship Committee. Applicants are asked to submit materials consisting of only the required files (i.e., personal statement, CV, nomination letter, dean’s support letter, 3-5 samples of work) by 1) sharing a Box folder, 2) attaching the files to an email, or 3) submitting a flash drive to Candice Batton (cbatton@unomaha.edu) in Academic Affairs (EAB 202).

Questions? Please contact Candice Batton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs by email or phone (402.554.4452).