

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UDC Resolution No. 2016 - 25**

**SUBJECT: UDC School of Engineering & Applied Sciences Tenure Approval for Dr. Nian Zhang**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §1467, the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (SEAS) Promotion Committee and Dean Devdas Shetty have determined that Dr. Nian Zhang qualified for the position of Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §1462, Dr. Nian Zhang has served as Assistant Professor at UDC since 2009, and is recognized by her students, fellow faculty members, administrators, and other experts in her field for her excellent teaching skills and contributions to undergraduate and graduate students' research (including Outstanding Research Mentorship Award, the Excellence in Teaching Award, and Excellence in Research Award from SEAS in 2014, 2015, and 2016); for a track record of strong research activity in the areas of computational intelligence, clustering algorithm for big data computing and its application in robotics, pollution monitoring and evaluation of engineering surfaces; for having received several grants and major awards, including two prestigious National Science Foundation grants (totaling \$600,000 as a principal and co-principal investigator ); and for having published to-date more than 60 peer-reviewed conference publications and 14 journal papers, including several of the top journals in the field of electrical and computer engineering;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Nian Zhang is also recognized for her collaborations and many contributions to the UDC community, including chairmanship of curriculum committees, graduate committees, enrollment committee, and online learning committee; single-handedly hosting the international winter workshop of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers) on Computation Computational Intelligence and Big data and Neural Network at UDC, involving the participation of more than 100 international leading experts and industry personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §§ 1468 and 1470 the Dean, the Chief Academic Officer and the President have affirmed the recommendation of tenure for Dr. Nian Zhang, and the President has forwarded the recommendation for tenure to the Board of Trustees;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the award of tenure to Dr. Nian Zhang of the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

July 12, 2016

Approved by the Board of Trustees

July 26, 2016



Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board