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# UNCSA

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To: David Nelson, Provost UNCSA

From: Joe Tilford, Dean, School of Design and Production

Subject: **10-year Contract Renewal of MICHAEL MEYER**

Over the course of past contracts, Michael Meyer has shown himself to be an exemplary faculty member. I enthusiastically recommend him for a new 10-year contract at UNCSA.

Michael Meyer's teaching at UNCSA is excellent. His course evaluation scores and comments are outstanding. Observations of student outcomes indicate that he is among the best teachers in the field in the nation.

His graduating students are regularly invited to all of the major showcases and juried national exhibits like the National Design Portfolio Review, the Chicago Showcase, Showcase West, and the Young Designer's and Technician's Forum. His program wins more awards than any other competing program in the nation. Examples include first through fourth place in the Mad Monster competition, two invitations to Monsterpalooza, and the Kryolan Award for the best emerging makeup artist in the nation (five times since 2007).

He has built the UNCSA Wig and Makeup program into the best program of its type in the nation. His program is receiving international attention as well, including residency invitations at Tokyo Visual Arts, the leading school of its type in East Asia.

His professional work and research are outstanding. His work with Wake Forest, using his formidable skills in prosthetics to develop surgical task trainers, is an example of groundbreaking innovation in the use of art skill and imagination in other fields.

The largest service task he undertakes for UNCSA is that of serving as the director of the wig and makeup program. And that is a large service task, indeed. He mentors makeup, prosthetic and wigs for an average of twelve films per year as well as all of the UNCSA live theatre, opera and dance productions.

His interest in animatronics adds yet another dimension to his offerings for the students here.

In the run up to the assigning of rank to UNCSA faculty, I would place Michael Meyer as ready to apply for promotion to Full Professor.

Michael Meyer is a wonderful faculty member and a credit to this institution.