

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM WITH PUBLIC SESSION MOTION - CONFIDENTIAL**

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** Personnel, Carman/Benham Deal

**SESSION TYPE:**

- Work Session
- Education Session
- Information Item
- Other:

[Committee of the Whole – Items for Approval]

*Attachments are provided with the narrative.*

**APPLIES TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- Yes (select below):
  - Driving Excellence
  - Inspiring Students
  - Impacting Communities
  - High-Performing University
- No [Regular Business]

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Information is provided to the Board about personnel matters, including faculty appointments, administrative appointments, and conferring tenure. Included in the personnel report is a list of all personnel information that needs action by the Board. Supporting materials are provided in Appendix A, which includes brief summaries of the appointments that are recommended for approval.

**PRIOR RELATED BOARD DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS:**

The Board receives regular information about personnel matters, including but not limited to appointments of faculty and administrators and conferring tenure.

**WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Per UW Regulations 2-1, the granting of appointments and tenure are within the discretion of the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President.

Per UW Regulation 1-1, the appointment of vice presidents and deans are within the discretion of the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President.

**ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS BOARD MEETING: PUBLIC SESSION**

Board approval or disapproval of the personnel report as provided.

**PROPOSED MOTION: PUBLIC SESSION**

I move to approve the personnel report as provided to the Board.

**PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The President recommends approval.

## Personnel Report – March 2022

### A. Items for Action Recommended by the President and Provost and Executive Vice President

#### 1. Appointments

College	Academic Unit	First Name	Last Name	Rank	Salary	Start Date
Office of Research and Economic Development		Parag	Chitnis	Vice President	\$300,000/FY	May 31, 2022
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Molecular Biology	Parag	Chitnis	Professor with Tenure	N/A	

#### Additional Information About Appointment

##### Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Dr. Parag Chitnis received a B.S. (1982) in Botany from Konkan Agricultural University, a M.S. (1984) in Genetics and Biochemistry from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, and a Ph.D. (1987) in Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Chitnis has been serving as the Associate Director for Programs and Acting Associate Director for Operations at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture since 2019. Dr. Chitnis has held many roles at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, as well as the National Science Foundation. In his academic career, Dr. Chitnis was a professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology at Iowa State University, and was an assistant professor in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University. As a researcher and educator at these universities, he received more than \$7 million in research, education, and training grants from federal and private sources including funding from NIFA, NSF, NIH, US-Israel BARD, Pioneer Hi-Bred, and Iowa Corn Promotion Board. He has authored over 110 peer-reviewed or invited publications in the areas of plant biochemistry, photosynthesis, computational biology, and proteomics. He has mentored over 50 undergraduate students, MS and PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, and AAAS fellows.

The President and Provost recommend an academic appointment of Professor with tenure in the Department of Molecular Biology. During his service as Vice President for Research and Economic Development, he will not receive additional compensation for his tenured faculty appointment, nor will he have any required active duties as a faculty member.