TO: Co-Chairs, Faculty Promotions Committee FROM: Jane Smith, Subcommittee Chair

DATE: November 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Promotion of Paul Walker*,* MD,to Professorin the Department of Pediatrics

Paul Walker, MD is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. He/she is now applying for appointment/promotion to Professor. Our subcommittee included Wesley Jackson, MD, and Jane Smith, MD, (Chair); we shared assessments by email.

# Subcommittee Recommendations

The subcommittee voted the following:

Teaching: Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent 2 to 0

Service (if applicable): Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent 2 to 0

Clinical (if applicable): Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent 2 to 0

Research (if applicable): Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent 2 to 0

Scholarship: Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent 2 to 0

Will the presentation of this dossier be expedited? Yes or No

*Note: if the presentation will be expedited, please highlight three to four of the activities that you have listed below in each category that you will present at the meeting.*

**Biographical and Professional History**

We reviewed this faculty member’s biographical and professional history, which was included in the dossier. *[Note: the biographical and professional history information can be very brief – one or two sentences.]*

# Teaching

The subcommittee rated the candidate’s teaching accomplishments as “Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent” by a 2 to 0 vote, based on an extensive review of the dossier. We paid particular attention to the information included in the letters written by the Department Advisory Committee and the Department Chair, as well as the candidate’s teaching evaluations, which included multiple methods of evaluation. We reviewed the candidate’s Teacher’s Portfolio, including the teacher’s statement, record of teaching and mentorship and record of course development and leadership. We also reviewed the candidate’s letters of reference and the matrix table completed by the candidate. The Department Advisory Committee rated the candidate as “Meritorious/Excellent” in teaching.

The subcommittee rating is based on a record of:

EXAMPLES:

* Clinical and didactic education of pediatric and adult allergy and immunology fellows at NJH
  + Receives excellent evaluations from the clinical fellows
* Mentored 2 fellows who have continued in academic medicine and presented abstracts at national meetings
* Co-founder and Co-director of the Dept of Pediatrics Translational Research Seminar
* Initiated 2 lecture series (immunodeficiences and biotechniques)
* Two-time recipient of the NJH Pediatrics Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (2014, 2018)
* Invited speaker at 4 regional and 4 national meetings, and has served as a moderator at a national meeting

# Clinical Activities - *[Note: Omit this section if the faculty member did not have clinical activities]*

The subcommittee rated the candidate’s clinical accomplishments as “Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent” by a 2 to 0 vote, based on extensive review of the dossier, relying particularly on the information included in the detailed letters written by the Department Advisory Committee and the Department Chair, and letters of reference as well as the matrix table completed by the candidate. We also reviewed the candidate’s clinician’s portfolio, which include a summary of patient care activities, quality of care work, innovation and other activities. The Department Advisory Committee rated the candidate as “Meritorious/Excellent” in clinical activities.

The subcommittee rating is based on a record of:

EXAMPLES:

* Outpatient and inpatient activities with a primary clinical focus on the care of children with primary immunodeficiencies
  + Cares for patients at NJH and at Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children
* Specialized consultant for complement related disorders for patients at NJH, Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children, and CHCO
* Co-developed an immunodeficiency diagnostic genetic panel which has resulted in improved diagnosis and targeted treatment of patients
* Led follow up for the SCID portion of the Colorado Newborn Screening Program
  + Content expert for the Colorado Department of Health Newborn Screening Committee
* Outstanding Junior Faculty award at NJH

# Other (Non-Clinical) Service Activities - [*Note: You can omit this section if the faculty member did not have additional non-clinical service activities and did not submit a Service Portfolio.]*

The subcommittee rated the candidate’s service accomplishments as “Not Meritorious/Meritorious/Excellent” by a 2 to 0 vote, based on extensive review of the dossier, relying particularly on the information included in the detailed letters written by the Department Advisory Committee and the Department Chair, and letters of reference as well as the matrix table completed by the candidate. We also reviewed the candidate’s service portfolio, which include a summary of patient care activities, quality of care work, innovation and other activities. The Department Advisory Committee rated the candidate as “Meritorious/Excellent” in service.

The subcommittee rating is based on a record of:

EXAMPLES:

* Co-chair of IRB, member of the Infection Prevention Committee and the Medical Executive Committee at NJH
* Served as editorial board member for the Annuals of Family Medicine
* Served as a member of the School of Medicine Admissions Committee
* Faculty Senator (4 years)
* Volunteered on the Quality Improvement Committee at the Dawn Clinic

# Research Activities (Scholarship of Discovery) – [*Note: You can omit this section if the faculty member did not have research activities.]*

The subcommittee rated the candidate’s research as “Not Meritorious/Meritorious/ Excellent” by a 2 to 0 vote, based on an extensive review of the dossier, relying particularly on the information included in the detailed letters written by the Department Advisory Committee and the Department Chair, the letters of reference as well as the matrix table completed by the candidate. The Department Advisory Committee rated the candidate as “Excellent” in research.

The subcommittee rating is based on a record of:

EXAMPLES:

* 18 peer-reviewed manuscripts (16 at current rank- 4 as first author), 1 book chapter (sole author, revised once), and 13 abstracts (10 at current rank, 1 first author, 1 senior author)
* Identification and in vitro characterization of a new class of dominant-negative mutation in the SAND domain of the human Aire gene seen in autoimmune patients
* NIH NIAID K08 award ($923,940) for Aire-SAND project
* PI on 2 active industry grants ($240,000, $346,067)
* Identification of novel genetically-determined immunodeficiency / immune dysregulation syndromes

# Other Scholarship Activities (non-Research Related) - [*Note: You can omit this section if the faculty member did not participate in Other (non-research) Scholarly Activities.]*

The subcommittee rated the candidate’s scholarship as “Not Meritorious/Meritorious/ Excellent” by a 2 to 0 vote, based on an extensive review of the dossier, relying particularly on the information included in the detailed letters written by the Department Advisory Committee and the Department Chair, the letters of reference as well as the matrix table completed by the candidate. We reviewed the candidate’s record of scholarship, including published and unpublished works. The Department Advisory Committee rated the candidate as “Meritorious/Excellent” in scholarship.

The subcommittee rating is based on a record of:

EXAMPLES:

* 5 peer-reviewed review articles (4 at current rank).
* 1 book chapter
* Reviewer for Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and Journal of Clinical Immunology.
* Served as lead author of 3 new Neurology Critical Care Pathways that improved patient care outcomes.
* Developed a novel curriculum for Internal Medicine residents focusing on end-of-life care
* Co-Authored a public health best-practices guideline for screening for sexually transmitted infections.

# Department Recommendations

The Chair of the Department of Pediatrics enthusiastically supported the candidate’s promotion to Professor noting that “Dr. Walker has demonstrated outstanding progress throughout his junior faculty career. He has won research funding, has a strong publication record, actively teaches across both institutions, provides niche clinical care, and is an emerging leader locally and nationally.” The Departmental Advisory Committee voted 8-0 in favor of promotion, based on excellent teaching, meritorious clinical activities, meritorious service, and excellent research, and excellent scholarly activities.

# Summary and Recommendation

The subcommittee voted 2 to 0 for promotion to Professor of based on excellent teaching, meritorious clinical activities, meritorious service, excellent research, and excellent scholarly activities as well as evidence of a national reputation.