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Professor Josef Mecsi
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Dear Professor Mecsi:

It is indeed my distinct pleasure to recommend Dr. Win Aung for an honorary degree to be conferred by your distinguished university. I have known Dr. Aung for many years and in my professional capacity as an engineering educator, researcher and senior academic administrator, I could say without any hesitation that I know of no one who is more deserving. Dr. Aung has done more and made more impacts in global engineering education reform and alliance than anyone that I know. Please allow me to elaborate.

As you can tell from his curriculum vitae, Dr. Aung has a very distinguished career first as an outstanding research scientist in the area of heat transfer at one of the most prestigious research laboratories in the World, then as an influential senior government leader responsible for the advancement of engineering research and education in the United States, and not the least, as a well-respected academician noted for his teaching and mentoring of young minds at all academic levels. His broad vision and deep understanding of the contemporary challenges facing engineering, as well as his familiarity with the engineering education community around the world, have allowed him to successfully lead the way for his colleagues to new directions. Among many of his achievements are: he was the first to put together programs in engineering education centers and consortia, the first one in setting up federal-state-industry jointly-supported engineering research centers at American universities, and among the firsts in promoting greater global collaborative efforts in engineering education. The first two programs have already proven to have a long lasting impact on American universities and industries, and the last one most definitely will have a long lasting impact not just on this country, but the world as well.

Perhaps what stands out the most is Dr. Aung's singular contribution in founding, sustaining and glowing iNEER, which as you know stands for the International Network for Engineering Education & Research. Today iNEER has over 35,000 members from over 40 countries; it publishes a large volume of scholarly works in engineering education and sponsored two international conferences every year. While there may be other international organizations and journals with a similar mission in promoting engineering education, there is no question in my mind that iNEER is the most international, most inclusive, most spontaneously organized, and consequently the most successful one, bar none. And the single reason for this success,

which is well-recognized by those active in iNEER, is Dr. Aung. I became actively involved in iNEER after I completed my presidency at the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn and assumed my current position as the non-executive Chancellor in 2005, and have had the opportunity to witness first-hand how tirelessly he has been working as a volunteer in leading the organization. His unrelenting effort and caring attitude are infectious to all of us. Even more impressive to me is his respect of the cultural differences among participants and the patience that he exhibits in reaching a common ground whenever we face a difficult problem.

In my university, an honorary degree is bestowed each year only upon to the very few individuals who we believe have made an unquestionable impact to the society by virtue of his/her life-long dedication and achievement. By that measure, Dr. Aung is uniquely qualified and I whole-heartedly recommend him for your consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Chang".

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