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Dr. Gabriel Simon
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Dear Dr. Simon,

Upon the nomination of the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, the Graduate School is pleased to grant you a special appointment to the Graduate Faculty of Purdue University. We very much appreciate your willingness to contribute your time and expertise to the graduate education of our students.

Your appointment is for a term of five years and may be renewed upon re-nomination by the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering. As recommended by the head of the graduate program, a "special" appointment to the Graduate Faculty provides opportunities to serve as a member or as a co-chair, but not as a chair, on graduate student advisory committees and teach graduate-level courses.

Appointment to the Graduate Faculty is a privilege and responsibility. Effective mentoring is the single most important element in successful graduate programs and high degree-completion rates for graduate students. I would encourage you to review online, *Graduate Education at Purdue University*, <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/downloads/GradEd.pdf>. A committee of the Graduate Council prepared these homegrown guidelines to help students know what to expect and to help advisors and graduate programs provide an environment for success during their students' graduate education at Purdue. We hope these guidelines will answer many questions that arise both for graduate students and graduate faculty. To assist you in your role of advising graduate students, please note the enclosed chronological checklist that will ensure timely completion of graduate programs for your students.

My colleagues in the Graduate School and I invite you to contact us whenever you have a question or suggestion concerning graduate education at Purdue University.

With best wishes,



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Interim Dean
Professor of Agronomy

Enclosure

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