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Opprykk til professor - Oppnevning av sakkyndig komite

Dokument i saken

1. Forslag til sakkyndig komité fra Institutt for fremmedspråk
2. Habilitetserklæring – Perdue
3. Habilitetserklæring - Pireddu

Bakgrunn

Det humanistiske fakultet har innen søknadsfristen 15.09.2022 mottatt søknad om opprykk til professor fra førsteamanuensis Huiwen Zhang innenfor fagområdet kinesisk, med spesialisering i kinastudier og spesielt fokus på kinesisk og komparativ litteratur.

Institutt for fremmedspråk har sendt følgende forslag til sakkyndig komité (vedlegg 1):

- Professor Michael Lackner, University Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Professor Nicoletta Pireddu, Georgetown University
- Professor emeritus Peter Perdue, Yale University

Professor Michael Lackner er foreslått som leder for komiteen. Det er mottatt skjema for vurdering av inhabilitet fra de foreslåtte komitémedlemmene. To av medlemmene – Perdue og Pireddu (vedlegg 2 og 3) – Har fremlagt kommentarer i skjemaene de ønsket vurdert i forbindelse med habilitet.

De aktuelle forholdene er ikke funnet å medføre inhabilitet.

Forslag til vedtak:

Det humanistiske fakultet oppnevner følgende sakkyndige komité for å vurdere søker Huiwen Zhang for opprykk til professor innenfor fagområdet kinastudier.

- Professor Michael Lackner, University Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Professor Nicoletta Pireddu, Georgetown University
- Professor emeritus Peter Perdue, Yale University

Professor Michael Lackner oppnevnes som leder for komiteen

Camilla Brautaset
dekan

Kim Ove Hommen
fakultetsdirektør



Det humanistiske fakultet

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Forslag til komité for å bedømme professorkompetanse

Viser til Huiwen Zhangs søknad om opprykk til professor etter kompetanse.

Institutt for fremmedspråk har oppnevnt følgende sakkyndige komité for bedømming av Zhangs kompetanse:

Komiteleiar

Professor Michael Lackner, University Erlangen-Nuremberg, michael.lackner@fau.de

Komiteemedlemmar

Professor Nicoletta Pireddu, Georgetown University, pireddun@georgetown.edu

Professor emeritus Peter Perdue, Yale University, peter.c.perdue@yale.edu

Habilitetserklæringer er vedlagt

Vennlig hilsen

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Declaration of impartiality

Name (use capital letters).....Peter C. Perdue.....

Appointment matter.....

Advancement matter.....Promotion to Full Professor for Helen Huiwen Zhang.....

PhD.....

The undersigned confirms that (check off):

I have read the “Regulations on Impartiality and Confidence”

I cannot see that there are circumstances in this matter that would make me disqualified

I request the following circumstances to be assessed for potential disqualification

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.....Professor Zhang and I have been professional colleagues in the field of Chinese studies for over fifteen years. I have not been her academic advisor, and we have no personal or family relationships. We have not taught at the same institutions, and we have not been co-authors or collaborators on research projects.

I met her when she was a post-doctoral fellow at Yale University for one year in 2008-2009, supported by the Council on East Asian Studies. Her appointment was as a scholar of literature, and her sponsor was a Professor of Literature (I myself teach history). We met occasionally at that time to discuss her research and career plans, and she worked as a research assistant for me for one month. Since then, we communicated by email and did not meet together for many years. She came to Yale in 2018 to deliver a talk on her research to my graduate seminar.

We taught together a seminar for advanced students at MIT in October 2021, and I worked with her to make a presentation at the University of Bergen Conference on Asian Studies in May 2022.

I do not think that these associations go beyond the normal kinds of professional connections in the field, but I thought that I should bring them to the committee's attention.

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If necessary, use a separate sheet

October 17, 2022

Placeogdate

Peter C. Redue

Signature

Instructions for completion of the declaration of impartiality

This form shall be completed by anyone who has been appointed as a committee member by the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Bergen in connection with appointment or advancement matters.

Anyone who is to perform work as a committee member shall always assess his/her own impartiality.

- If you find that you are disqualified in relation to one or more of the parties to a matter upon such an assessment, you must notify the institute of this as soon as possible.
- If you are unsure of your own impartiality, you must list the circumstances you are unsure of and request that your impartiality be assessed by the institute.
- If it is concluded that there is no disqualification, but that there are still associations that should be disclosed, or should be assessed by the institute, then this should be entered on the form or on a separate sheet.

About the assessment of impartiality

Committee members are subject to the provisions relating to impartiality in Chapter II of the Public Administration Act. In addition, the faculty has adopted its own regulations on impartiality and confidence, which have been enclosed with this form. These regulations are somewhat stricter than the provisions of the Act on some points.

Disqualification may be automatic because of a special association to a party to a matter, through, for example, a family relationship or being an academic advisor within the past three years. These circumstances have been included in the provisions for automatic disqualification in section 1.

Disqualification may also be based on a discretionary assessment. For such a discretionary assessment, it will be key to decide *whether there are any special circumstances which are apt to impair confidence in his or her impartiality*. Such an assessment will often be much more difficult than an assessment of automatic disqualification. It is therefore important to disclose the circumstances that have been assessed if you have concluded yourself that you are impartial in relation to an appointment or advancement matter.

For discretionary assessment of impartiality (disqualification), reference is made to the provisions on impartiality and confidence in the introduction. Disqualification may occur as a result of:

- Close personal or professional association with one or more of the applicants. This may be a close personal friendship or close professional collaboration, such as project cooperation or co-authorship.
- Possibility that the appointment of a specific applicant, regardless of the applicant's qualifications, would result in a personal or professional gain for a person or someone close to that person.
- Other circumstances that there may be reason to assume are apt to impair confidence in a decision if an individual takes part in the decision.

Declaration of impartiality

Name (use capital letters)..... NICOLETTA PIREDDU.....

Appointment matter..... Application to full professor evaluation committee, for Huiwen Helen Zhang.....

Advancement matter.....

PhD.....

The undersigned confirms that (check off):

I have read the "Regulations on Impartiality and Confidence"

I cannot see that there are circumstances in this matter that would make me disqualified

I request the following circumstances to be assessed for potential disqualification

Prof. Huiwen Zhang published her essay "Transreading across cultures: American Students Decipher a Modern Chinese Classic" in a collection I co-edited with Professors Didier Coste and Christina Klong (Migrating Minds: Theories and Practices of Cultural Cosmopolitanism, Routledge 2022): pp. 231-246.

This kind of collaboration is not a matter of disqualification in the USA academic process for tenure and promotion but I wish to double check what your standards are.
If necessary, use a separate sheet

Washington Oct 11, 2022

Place og date

Nicoletta Piredda

Signature