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Re: Support Letter for Dr. Hao Wang's Application for Expedited Visa Appointment

Dr. Hao Wang was offered a tenure track Assistant Professor position in the Division of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) within the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Louisiana State University (LSU). The original start date for him was fall semester of 2020. Unfortunately, Dr. Wang was not able to join then because of visa process suspension caused by the pandemic. He received his PhD from the University of Toronto and is currently living in Canada. LSU has deferred his start time to the Spring semester of 2021.

Dr. Wang is expected to teach CSC 3501: Computer Organization and Design in the spring semester, beginning on January 11 of 2021. This is a core course required for computer science undergraduate majors at LSU and the class enrollment in this course is anticipated to exceed one hundred. LSU computer science has a desperate teaching situation because its undergraduate enrollment has been growing dramatically in recent years, now approaching 700. Moreover, the CSE Division has recently lost one faculty member. Therefore, Dr. Wang's joining the CSE Division for spring 2021 semester is essential to meet its current teaching needs.

Dr. Wang's research expertise is in distributed computing and machine learning, which represent one of major research areas of LSU computer science. He was chosen as the most qualified candidate and offered this faculty position after conducting a long vigorous search process. The CSE Division urgently needs him to continue its research, secure extramural funding, and train graduate students in these important areas.

As the CSE Division Chair, I strongly support Dr. Wang's application for an expedited visa appointment. It is important that he be granted H1B visa to enter USA before the end of this year so that he can join LSU on time to perform his teaching and research tasks from the beginning of the spring 2021 semester. Please let me know if you need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Karki', is written over a horizontal line.

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