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RE: Nomination of Sara Tariq, MD for Outstanding Woman Faculty Member

I enthusiastically write to nominate Dr. Sara Tariq for the Outstanding Woman Faculty Member award. Dr. Tariq is a member of the Division of General Internal Medicine and very clearly meets the award criteria of being a successful, appreciated, and beloved leader, mentor, scholar, and role model, particularly to Internal Medicine residents as well as to medical students at UAMS where she serves as the Director of the Introduction to Clinical Medicine II course. Strong evidence of how much her medical students admire and appreciate Dr. Tariq is the fact that they have invited her to deliver the Senior Charge at the Honors Convocation and to serve as a Faculty Marshall the past four years. She also serves as Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Tariq demonstrates a record of scholarly endeavors in medical education. One example of her excellence in teaching is that Dr. Tariq substantially revised the curriculum for the Introduction to Clinical Medicine II course where she markedly increased the students' work in the Clinical Skills Center with simulated and standardized patients to learn the skills of doctoring. Student satisfaction with this course substantially improved under Dr. Tariq's leadership. She has also received national recognition as an outstanding educator. In 2010, Dr. Tariq received the Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Education from the American College of Physicians. In April of 2010, Dr. Tariq began serving on the USMLE Step 2 Standard Setting Committee. She won first place for her poster at the Communication in Healthcare Conference in 2006. In 2009, she won first place for her poster at the Association for Academic Psychiatry Annual Meeting. Presently, Dr. Tariq is leading UAMS in its endeavor to create a vertically and horizontally integrated curriculum for the Medical School in her role as Assistant Dean of Curriculum.

Further, Dr. Tariq is an outstanding General Internist. As her Division Director, I regularly receive feedback from her patients regarding her compassionate and competent work. General Internal Medicine is a field for which it is obvious to patients, colleagues, residents, students and staff that Dr. Tariq has a clear passion. Dr. Tariq serves as a role model to our new faculty, Drs. Moses and Rogers, in the UPMG Clinic. She also serves as a mentor and role model to our residents in the Medicine Clinic on Wednesday afternoons where she receives superb evaluations for her teaching and mentorship.

Dr. Tariq has been very actively involved with the WFDC since she joined faculty at UAMS in 2002. She has served as Secretary since 2007 and as co-Chair of the Women in Training Committee since 2002. Given that Dr. Tariq is such a young faculty member, her accomplishments have been exceptional. I believe she clearly meets the criteria for this award. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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