MEMORANDUM

To: Viterbi School Faculty and Staff
From: Yannis C. Yortsos, Dean
Date: April 6, 2007
Subject: Appointment of Professor Shri Narayanan to the Viterbi Professorship in Engineering

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Shri Narayanan of the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering as the first holder of the Viterbi Professorship in Engineering, effective July 1, 2007. The appointment recognizes Shri’s exceptional distinction and will be for a term of five years.

Shri Narayanan is a Professor of Electrical Engineering, with joint appointments as Professor in Computer Science, Linguistics and Psychology. He is a member of the Signal and Image Processing Institute and a research area director of the Integrated Media Systems Center, an NSF Engineering Research Center. He is the Editor-in-Chief for the Computer, Speech and Language Journal (2007-present), served as an Associate Editor of the IEEE Transactions of Speech and Audio Processing (2000-04) and is currently an Associate Editor of the IEEE Signal Processing Magazine. Shri is a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, a Senior member of IEEE, and a member of Tau-Beta-Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Eta-Kappa-Nu. He is a recipient of an NSF CAREER award, the USC Engineering Junior Research Award, the USC Electrical Engineering Northrop Grumman Research Award, a Mellon Award for Excellence in Mentoring and a recipient of a 2005 best paper award from the IEEE Signal Processing society. Papers with his students have won best student paper awards at ICSLP’02, ICASSP’05, and MMSP’06. He has published over 200 papers and has 14 granted/pending U.S. patents.

Please join me in congratulating Shri on this well deserved honor.