

Zekai Hong for APTPUO Board of Directors

Dear APTPUO members,

I would like to nominate Dr. Zekai Hong, an APTPUO member within the Faculty of Engineering, for one of the positions on the APTPUO Board of Directors.

Dr. Hong has been an APTPUO member since 2018, shortly after he relocated to Ottawa to take a Research Officer employment at the National Research Council's Aerospace Research Centre. In 2018, Dr. Hong proposed and designed two new graduate courses from scratch within the Department of Mechanical Engineering; these two courses have been offered at the department annually. For four years the courses being taught, Dr. Hong constantly received excellent reviews from the students (4.8/5), indicating that Dr. Hong is a dedicated and effective educator.

To influence a broad educators/student, Dr. Hong actively engaged in developing and disseminating teaching materials. He was also awarded a competitive Shared Online Projects Initiative (SOPI) Teaching grant from the Joint University of Ottawa & Carleton University Institute for developing online teaching/learning modules that can be readily adopted by educators/students. He was also volunteered to serve as a Course Reviewer for MCU's (Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities) eCampus Ontario Open Educational Resource (OER) Program.

Outside classroom teaching, Dr. Hong actively engaged in educating uOttawa engineering students to be the next generation engineers. In four short years, he has supervised thesis/research work for 4 undergraduates, 3 master, and 1 post-doc researchers. There are two PhD students who are in progress under Dr. Hong's supervision.

Dr. Hong also actively engaged in the department to voice for part-time professors in his role as the APTPUO representative for the departmental assembly for 2020 – 2022.

Given Dr. Hong's strong record of serving the uOttawa community and broader societies, I believe that he can bring more to the table to voice for the APTPUO members and to make uOttawa community a better place for everyone.