2010
School of Engineering and Applied Science Distinguished Faculty Award
(Presentation to John A. Stankovic)

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To recognize one faculty member annually, who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and/or service. Their service can be to his/her discipline, the University, involvement with students, and/or University community involvement.
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- Jack received his Sc.B in Electrical Engineering, his Sc.M and his Ph.D in Computer Science all from Brown University.

- After passing through the professorial ranks at the University of Massachusetts he came to SEAS in 1997 as the B. P. America Professor and Chairman of Computer Science…a position he held for 8 years.

- In his 30+ year career he has helped to create and establish 4 major areas of Computer Science…these are: real-time computing, distributed computing, wireless sensor networks, and cyber physical systems.

- His contributions to these areas of research have been so significant that after 20 years of existence, the real-time computing community awarded him their FIRST combined award for Technical Contribution and Leadership…Similarly, after 26 years of existence, the distributed computing community established and awarded him their FIRST award for Distinguished Research Achievement!

- As a result of his pioneering work, he has received 4 BEST PAPER awards from IEEE and ACM, the two leading Computer Science Societies, and he has been named a fellow in both.
• His work in research, teaching, advising and service is so extensive that I cannot do it justice in this presentation speech...so let me give a few academic highlights...he is rated by our students as one of the best teachers in SEAS, he has graduated 25+ PhDs, he has authored or co-authored: 5 books, 24 book chapters, and over 275 refereed or invited articles...and he has served on or chaired more than 75 society program committees for workshops and conferences.

• On the personal side I would like to quote one of his computer science colleagues, “Jack is blessed with a highly optimistic spirit, complemented with a positive personality and a keen sense of humor...and in spite of all his significant accomplishments, Jack is a modest and congenial individual, who enthusiastically helps his colleagues and students at every opportunity.” This colleague continues by stating, “Jack is a natural and highly effective leader, reminiscent of what the ancient Greeks would call a Philosopher King.”

• For this and so much more, we wish to award Professor John A. Stankovic this year’s School of Engineering and Applied Science Distinguished Faculty Award.