

Resolution No. 23-11***Approval of Professor Emeritus Designation for
Retired Professors***

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “University,” respectively) was created on January 1, 1996, by Public Act 89-4 to operate, manage, control, and maintain Governors State University in accordance with the rights, powers, and duties vested by law in the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board is comprised of eight members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one whom is a Governors State University student selected by student peers; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with University Professor Emeritus Policy 35, eligibility turns on three criteria: (i) rank of Associate Professor, Professor, or University Professor; (ii) at least ten (10) years of service to the University; and (iii) retired status; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Policy 35, it is expected that designees “maintain a continuing interest in scholarly activity and in higher education, to have been a faculty member whose advice may appropriately be sought in professional matters affecting the university, and/or a faculty member who may serve as a mentor to faculty and students, and one to whom former students and colleagues can reasonably apply for personal letters of recommendation”; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Policy 35, the title may be conferred upon recommendation of the President and approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The candidates for emeritus status must be voted upon by their colleagues in their respective colleges, supported by their dean and provost, and subsequently be recommended to the Board of Trustees for the title of Professor Emeritus by the University President; and

WHEREAS, There are seven retired faculty members now recommended for *emeritus* status (the “Candidates”); and

WHEREAS, The Candidates all have the rank of full professor, with plans to continue with scholarly activity in higher education, provide advice to other professionals and students, and may continue to serve former students and colleagues and provide requested letters of recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The Candidates have been voted on by Unit A faculty members in their respective units in their colleges and divisions by a majority vote (50% plus 1) of their peers, and

have the support and recommendation of their respective Deans, the Provost, and the President; and

WHEREAS, The Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board (the “Committee”), upon consideration of the foregoing at a meeting held October 5, 2022, voted to recommend the Board award the status of *emeritus* status to the Candidates;


Now, therefore, it is:

Resolved, that the Board adopts the Committee’s recommendation.

Resolved, that the Board approves, recognizes and grants the following Candidates the designation of Professor Emeritus with all rights and privileges of the Professor Emeritus distinction: Dr. Pamela Guimond; Dr. Frances Kostarelos; Dr. Angela Latham; Dr. Roberta Kuchler; Dr. Colleen Sexton; Dr. Ting J. (TJ) Wang, and Dr. Maristela Zell.

Approved October 21, 2022


Angela Sebastian, Chair
Board of Trustees


James Kvedaras, Secretary
Board of Trustees