

## Resolution No. 23-12

*Approval of Professor Status and Tenure to**Provost Beverly Schneller, Ph.D.*

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees of Governors State University ("Board") 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 of whom is a Governors State University student selected by student peers; and

**WHEREAS**, In accordance with Section II, Subsection B.3.a., and c., of the Board of Trustees Regulations, an administrative employee whose preceding employment included faculty rank and tenure may be granted faculty rank and tenure upon appointment, if recommended by the Department, Dean, Associate Provost, and the President and approved by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Beverly Schneller, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and a member of the President's Cabinet, has an extensive academic career in higher education, with more than thirty years as a tenured faculty member; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Schneller has raised more than \$14 million dollars in grants and external funding, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Schneller has an extensive record of scholarship in her higher education career and within her academic area of expertise and she has, since joining GSU, supported accreditation for the Higher Learning Commission, supports excellence through her knowledge and collaborative leadership of projects including those of the Gardner Institute, Baldrige Recognition Award, and the Carnegie Social Justice Designation; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Schneller continues her academic and professional leadership at Governors State University in her role as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Unit A faculty of the Division of Arts and Letters of the College of Arts and Sciences has voted to recommend the award of tenure full professor to Dr. Schneller; and

**WHEREAS**, Interim Dean Jason Zingsheim, Ph.D. supports the award of full professor and tenure to Dr. Schneller; and

**WHEREAS**, The President, upon advice of the Unit A faculty of the Division of Arts and Letters of the College of Arts and Sciences and Interim Dean Zingsheim, and an independent review

of Dr. Schneller's qualifications, recommends the Board award Dr. Schneller the status of tenured full professor; and

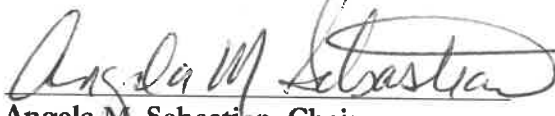
**WHEREAS**, The Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board (the "Committee"), upon consideration of the foregoing at a meeting held October 5, 2022, voted to recommend the Board award the status of full professor and tenure to Dr. Schneller; therefore

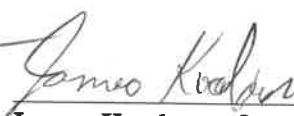
*Resolved*, that the Board adopts the Committee's recommendation.

*Resolved*, that in recognition of Dr. Schneller's expertise, the Board grants her all rights and privileges as a tenured full professor with Governors State University within the Division of Arts and Letters and the College of Arts and Sciences.

*Resolved*, that President Green shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to effectuate this Resolution.

*Approved October 21, 2022*

  
Angela M. Sebastian, Chair  
Board of Trustees

  
James Kvedaras, Secretary  
Board of Trustees