

**Resolution No. 24-15*****Approval of Professor Emeritus Designation for  
Retirees***

**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;

**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;

**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;

**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”;

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, There are three retired faculty members now recommended for *emerita* status (the “Candidates”);

**WHEREAS**, The Candidates all have the rank of associate or 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.

Now, therefore, it is:

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

*Resolved*, that the Board approves, recognizes and grants the following Candidates the designation of Professor *Emerita* with all rights and privileges of the Professor *Emerita* distinction: Dr. Jeannine M. Klomes; Dr. Cheryl Mejta; and Dr. Jun Zhao.

*Approved February 26, 2024*



**Kevin Brookins**  
Chair Pro Tem



**James Kvedaras**  
Secretary