

Resolution No. 24-23***Approval of Professor Emeritus Designation for Retiree***

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, Dr. Linda F. Samson is now recommended for *emerita* status;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samson has served the University for the last 22 years in administrative and leadership roles as part of her appointment in the Nursing and Health Administration programs in the College of Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samson holds the PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in Health Policy and Nursing Administration, having earned her BSN and MN with a focus in maternal/child nursing from Emory University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Samson joined the University as Dean of the College of Health Professions (as it was then known) in 2002, transitioning to Dean of the College of Health and Human Services under the new name from 2008 to 2011; was the Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies between 2008 and 2011; served the Southland Community Care Partners, LLP since 2008 as Vice President and now Chair of the Board since 2019 for SCCP and SCCP Cares and as a member for the Departments of Nursing and Health Administration for the last 12 years; and served as the Director of Accreditation, Assessment and Research from 2021-2024;

WHEREAS, as a scholar, Dr. Samson has had 52 peer-reviewed publications and been awarded over \$19 million in external funding for research and contracts; is a Higher Learning Commission peer reviewer, with a particular focus on federal compliance in health care; remains an active roster site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE); and has served a site visitor from 2013-2019 for the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN);

WHEREAS, Dr. Samson was also the editor of a perinatal nursing newsletter, has served on three editorial boards for perinatal nursing, and has been a peer reviewer/reviewer for 11 professional journals and remains active for four of these;

WHEREAS, The Candidate has 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 Candidate has been voted on by Unit A faculty members in the College of Health and Human Services by a majority vote (50% plus 1) of her peers, and has the support and recommendation of her Dean, 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 Candidate the designation of Professor *Emerita* with all rights and privileges of the Professor *Emerita* distinction: Dr. Linda F. Samson.

Approved June 17, 2024



Angela M. Sebastian
Chair



James Kvedaras
Secretary
