

**Resolution No. 25-12**

Approval of Tenure for Dr. Matthew Sprong, Department of Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health, College of Health and Human Services

**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**, The Board is empowered to operate, manage, control, and maintain the University and prescribe the courses of study to be followed pursuant to Sections 15-10 and 15-45 of the Illinois Governors State University Law, 110 ILCS 670/15-1 *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Board Regulation II(A)(3)(b)(i), Board approval is required for the award of tenure;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Matthew Sprong is being evaluated for the consideration of tenure based on Section 20.4(b) of the GSU-UPI Agreement, which states:

“Tenure may be granted to an individual not a member of the bargaining unit ... upon initial appointment ... only after consultation with the Division/Department, and upon recommendation of the University President and approval by the Board.”

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Matthew Sprong was evaluated using the Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health Department Criteria and found to be superior in teaching, highly effective in research and effective in service;

**WHEREAS**, The Dean of the College of Health and Human Services has recommended the award of tenure upon hire to Dr. Sprong; and

**WHEREAS**, The President, upon advice of the Provost and an independent review of Dr. Sprong’s qualifications, does hereby recommend that the Board award Dr. Sprong tenure upon hire.

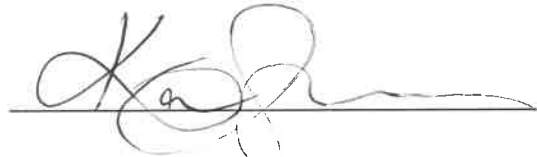
Now, therefore, it is:

*Resolved* that the Board approves and recognizes Dr. Matthew Sprong's expertise and grants him all rights and privileges as an associate professor with tenure upon hire with Governors State University within the Department of Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health and the College of Health and Human Services.

Approved: February 24, 2025

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**James Kvedaras, Chair**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Nunn", written over a horizontal line.

**Karen Nunn, Secretary**