

Resolution No. 25-13**Approval of Professor Emeritus Designation for Retired Associate Professor Caren Schranz
and Retiring Professor Catherine Tymkow**

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, an individual’s eligibility for the “Professor Emeritus” designation turns on three criteria: (i) having attained the rank of Associate Professor, Professor, or University Professor; (ii) having at least ten (10) years of service to the University; and (iii) being of 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 designation may be conferred upon recommendation of the President and approval of the Board;

WHEREAS, 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 two retired faculty member now recommended for *emeritus* status (the “Candidates”);

WHEREAS, Candidate Dr. Caren Schranz, having achieved the rank of associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, and having served Governors State University as faculty, program director, and as department chair since 1997, retired effective February 1, 2025, plans to continue with scholarly activity in higher education and to provide advice to other professionals and students, and may continue to serve former students and colleagues and provide requested letters of recommendation;

WHEREAS, Candidate Dr. Catherine Tymkow, having achieved the rank of professor in the Department of Nursing, and having served Governors State University as a faculty member and program coordinator since 1998, who will retire effective July 1, 2025, plans to continue with

scholarly activity in higher education and to provide advice to other professionals and students, and may continue to serve former students and colleagues and provide requested letters of recommendation;

WHEREAS, The Candidates have been voted on by Unit A faculty members in their respective units in their respective colleges/divisions by a majority vote (50% plus 1) of their peers, and they have the support and recommendation of their respective Deans, the Provost, and the President; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, upon consideration of all applicable information supports the designation of *emeritus* status to Dr. Caren Schranz and Dr. Catherine Tymkow.

Now, therefore, it is:

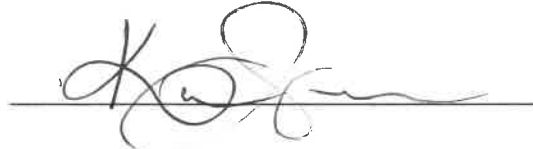
Resolved, that the Board adopts the recommendations of all parties involved.

Resolved, that the Board approves, recognizes, and grants the following Candidates the designation of Associate Professor Emeritus and Professor Emeritus with all rights and privileges of the Professor Emeritus distinction: Dr. Caren Schranz (Associate Professor Emerita, effective February 24, 2025) and Dr. Catherine Tymkow (Professor Emerita, effective July 1, 2025).

Approved: February 24, 2025



James Kvedaras, Chair



Karen Nunn, Secretary