

Resolution 26-10***Approval of Tenure upon Hire for Dr. Christine Watt***

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 the 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 of whom is a University student selected by student peers;

WHEREAS, Board approval is required for the award of tenure pursuant to Board Regulation II(A)(4)(d);

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 20.4(a) of the collective bargaining agreement by and between the University and the faculty union, University Professionals of Illinois, Local #4100, (the “CBA”) tenure upon hire may be granted “only after consultation with the Division/Department, and upon recommendation of the University President and approval by the Board”;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 20.4(d) of the CBA, a tenure-upon-hire recommendation may be awarded where “in the opinion of the Provost, a candidate for a Unit A Faculty position who is tenured at an accredited, Bachelors degree granting institution meets the tenure requirements as set forth in the relevant Division Criteria”;

WHEREAS, Provost Schneller recommends the award of tenure upon hire to Dr. Watt, as does President Ester; and

WHEREAS, Having considered the foregoing recommendations and the candidate's qualifications, including those reflected in the attached *curriculum vitae*, the Board finds that Dr. Watt's background demonstrates excellence in education, research, and service and fully meets the criteria for tenure at hire under section 20.4(a) and (d) of the CBA.

Now, therefore, it is:

Resolved, that the Board approves the award of tenure upon hire to Dr. Christine Watt in the College of Health and Human Services within the Department of Occupational Therapy, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Resolved, that the Board directs the University to take all reasonable and necessary steps to otherwise effectuate this Resolution.

Approved this 18th day of August 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