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MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor
SUBJECT: Appointment of Distinguished Service Professors

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints the faculty members listed below to Distinguished Service Professor, constituting a promotion in rank.

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Board of Trustees has proudly established a historic tradition of acknowledging and honoring extraordinary faculty achievement through appointment to the Distinguished Faculty Rank; and

Whereas the appointment to the Distinguished Faculty Rank at the State-operated campuses is both a system-wide distinction and a promotion in rank; and

Whereas the SUNY Board of Trustees has the authority to bestow systemwide distinctions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that each faculty member listed below be, and hereby is, appointed to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor at the State-operated campus indicated, effective April 28, 2026:

Professor Gregory Conners, State University of New York
Upstate Medical University;

Professor Robert Doggett, State University College at
Geneseo;

Professor Marjaneh Issapour, State University of New York
College of Technology at Farmingdale;

Professor Jonathan Krasno, State University of New York at
Binghamton;

Professor Apostolos Tassiopoulos, State University at New
York at Stony Brook; and

Professor Jeffrey Weiss, State University of New York
Downstate Health Sciences University.

Background

The Distinguished Service Professorship is conferred upon faculty having achieved a distinguished reputation for service not only to the campus and the University but also to the community, the State of New York, or the nation by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests. It is bestowed on faculty in all disciplines and fields of study.

Further, to be eligible for nomination, a faculty member must have attained and held the rank of full professor for at least five years and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution. Distinguished service must exceed the service generally considered to be part of a candidate's basic professional work and should include service that exceeds that for which professors are normally compensated. Distinguished service must extend over multiple years and involve the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern.