MEMORANDUM

January 23, 2018

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Kristina M. Johnson, Chancellor

SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. Rachel Dunifon as Interim Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University

Action Requested

The proposed resolution approves the appointment of Dr. Rachel Dunifon as Interim Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University.

Resolution

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

Whereas pursuant to New York State Education Law §355(1)(e), the appointment of the head of each statutory or contract college (including the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University) by the governing body of each such institution requires the approval of the State University of New York Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Dr. Rachel Dunifon be, and hereby is, appointed Interim Dean of the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University at an annual state salary of $200,000, effective July 1, 2018.

Background

Rachel Dunifon, Ph.D., is Professor of Policy Analysis and Management and Senior Associate Dean in the New York State College of Human Ecology at Cornell University.
Dr. Dunifon received her Ph.D. in Human Development and Social Policy from Northwestern University. She joined the Cornell faculty in 2001 with responsibility for research and extension. Dr. Dunifon’s research focuses on child and family policy, examining the ways in which policies, programs and family settings influence the development of less-advantaged children. Her forthcoming book, *You’ve Always Been There for Me: Understanding the Lives of Grandchildren Raised by Grandparents* (Rutgers University Press) draws upon unique multi-method data to understand dynamics in households in which grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Dr. Dunifon is also co-director of Project 2GEN, which combines research, policy, and practice to address the needs of vulnerable children and their parents together. As a principal investigator, Dr. Dunifon has won numerous externally funded research grants, including from the National Institutes of Health, the USDA, and the William T. Grant Foundation. Her work has been published in top journals in developmental psychology, public policy, and family demography.

Dr. Dunifon served as Associate Dean in the College of Human Ecology from 2015-2017, and as Senior Associate Dean since 2017, with responsibility for research, faculty development, graduate education, and outreach. She previously served as Director of Graduate Studies and as Department Extension Leader in Policy Analysis and Management.

A copy of Dr. Dunifon’s curriculum vitae is attached.
ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, 2017-present.

Associate Dean for Research and Outreach, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, 2015-2017.

Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University, 2013-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University, 2005-2013.

Assistant Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University, 2001-2005.


EDUCATION


JOURNAL ARTICLES


* 3rd most downloaded article from this journal in 2011


**BOOKS**


* Named as a “Noteworthy book for 2010” by Princeton University’s Industrial Relations Section

**BOOK CHAPTERS**


BOOK REVIEWS


RESEARCH REPORTS


EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS


USDA Food and Nutrition Research Program Grant: “State and Local Predictors of Household Food Security.” Award: $100,000 (direct costs). Funding Period: October, 2002-March, 2003, Co-Principal Investigator (with Judith Bartfeld).


INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Cornell Population Center Seed Grant. “Religiosity as a Health-Promoting Resource for Custodial Grandparents”. Awarded: $8,000. PI (with Merrill Silverstein).


WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW


EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

Available online at: http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/outreach/parenting/index.cfm

CURRENT EXTENSION FUNDING


EXTENSION AWARDS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2015: Proseminar on Policy Analysis and Management (PAM 6900)

Winter, 2000, Winter, 2001: Lecturer, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the University of Michigan. Course: Child and Family Policy.

Fall, 2000: Lecturer, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the University of Michigan. Course: Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy (Co-taught with Professor Rebecca Blank).

PEER REVIEW

Consulting Editor: Developmental Psychology

Manuscript Reviewer:
American Sociological Review
B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy
Child Development
Children and Youth Services Review
Demography
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Marriage and Family
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Milbank Quarterly
Population Research and Policy Review
Social Forces
Social Problems
Social Science and Medicine
Social Science Research
Social Service Review
Sociological Perspectives

Book Reviewer:
Stanford University Press