MEMORANDUM

March 20, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Kristina M. Johnson, Chancellor
SUBJECT: Appointment of Distinguished Service Professors

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints the faculty members listed below to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor.

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 system-wide distinctions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the faculty members listed below be, and hereby are, promoted to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor at the State-operated campus indicated, effective March 20, 2019:

Professor Daniel M. Rosenbaum, State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn (SUNY Downstate Medical Center); and

Professor Margaret A. Turk, State University of New York Health Science Center at Syracuse (Upstate Medical University).
Background

The Distinguished Service Professorship honors and recognizes extraordinary service by faculty across SUNY. Successful candidates must demonstrate substantial distinguished service, both at the local campus level and/or local community or regional level, and at the state and/or national and/or international level. Candidates must have held the rank of full professor for five years, must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution, and must have completed at least 10 years of full-time service in the SUNY system. To be considered, service activities must exceed those generally considered to be a part of a candidate’s basic professional portfolio of work and should include service that surpasses that for which professors are normally recognized.

A summary of the accomplishments of each of the Distinguished Service Professor candidates follows:

Professor Daniel M. Rosenbaum – Dr. Rosenbaum, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center since 2006, is an internationally recognized leader in cerebrovascular disease who excels in his roles as a clinician-scientist, administrator and educator. His groundbreaking NIH-funded research ranges from understanding stroke mechanisms to examining novel therapeutic strategies to ameliorate neurologic damage. In service to the college, Dr. Rosenbaum recently completed a rigorous master’s program, while continuing to work full-time, in Healthcare Delivery Sciences at Dartmouth College focused on finance, operations, and value-based care and improvement that is scientifically, ethically and managerial sound. Dr. Rosenbaum was named Regional Chair of Neurology in 2017, merging neurological services at two major Brooklyn hospitals and setting the stage for SUNY Downstate’s future strategic alliances with other regional institutions. His vision and dedicated service led to an expansion of the neurology department, a more comprehensive stroke unit and specialties in neurological care for adults and children. His vision also led to The Stroke Unit at Downstate named as a New York State Department of Health Designated Stroke Center. Dr. Rosenbaum has served on numerous institutional committees, including Student Academic Promotions, the Institutional Review Board and the University Physicians of Brooklyn Executive Committee. He currently serves as the chair of the Graduate Medical Education committee. He volunteers to speak on neurological issues and strokes as a New York City Honorary Police Surgeon and at Hatzalah, a volunteer ambulance corps, and at local synagogues and churches. At the national and international level, Dr. Rosenbaum serves on the Critical Care Neurology and Geriatric Neurology subcommittees for the American Academy of Neurology. He was the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Subcommittee for Operation Stroke. Dr. Rosenbaum serves on the
editorial boards of two leading journals in his field, the *Journal of Stroke and Epilepsy* (a peer-reviewed open access journal) and the *Journal of Clinical Ophthalmology*. He serves as scientific reviewer for an additional 25 journals.

**Professor Margaret Turk** – Dr. Turk is a professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Department of Pediatrics (since 1999), and the Department of Public Health & Preventative Medicine (since 2015) at Upstate Medical University. Dr. Turk has dedicated her career to improving the health and well-being of people with disabilities. An academian and clinical expert in Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine and Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Dr. Turk currently serves as Vice Chair and Quality Officer of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She is also the Director of Pediatric Rehabilitation, Associate Director of Rehabilitation Units, Director for Clinical Research, and Director for Student Education. She has chaired both the Medical College Assembly and the Faculty Organization, and currently chairs the College of Medicine Appointment and Promotions Committee. Dr. Turk has participated in and/or led multiple initiatives at the regional, state and national levels to enhance care for patients with disabilities. She has worked with the New York State Department of Health, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (serving as its first female chair), the American Board of Medical Specialties, Association of Academic Psychiatrists, the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institute of Health, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Institute of Medicine, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the World Health Organization. She has also served as Chair of a panel for the White House Summit Research Forum on Children with Disability, developed guidelines for health promotion and preventive medicine for people with spina bifida through a partnership with the CDC and the Spina Bifida Association, and worked with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) to develop quality care measures for working with people with disability. She is the founding co-editor of the *Disability and Health Journal*, a high-impact journal in the field, has edited several books, authored 25 book chapters/monographs and over 40 journal articles, and has been recognized with multiple regional, national and international awards for her work.

A copy of the nominating letter from each candidate’s campus president is attached. Complete dossiers are available in the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor.

Attachments
Wayne J. Riley, M.D., MBA, MPH, MACP
President

December 17, 2018

Tod A. Laursen, Ph.D.
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Dr. Laursen:

It is with great pleasure that I am nominating Daniel M. Rosenbaum, MD, MHCDS for promotion to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor in The State University of New York (SUNY). His contributions to SUNY and Downstate Medical Center (Downstate) are noteworthy and deserving of this distinction.

As Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurology, Dr. Rosenbaum oversees a complex department with a highly trained faculty in a multitude of sub-specialties coupled with a very successful residency program. Dr. Rosenbaum also serves as the Regional Chair of Neurology at Downstate and Maimonides Medical Center, Director of the Downstate Neuroscience Institute, the Neurologist-in-Chief at Downstate and an Attending Physician at King’s County Hospital.

Dr. Rosenbaum joined Downstate in 2006 and is an extraordinary leader who has made crucial administrative decisions that have led to the expansion and improved the department. Some include, but are certainly not limited to, a more comprehensive stoke unit and specialties in neurological care for both adults and pediatrics. His vision also led to The Stroke Unit at Downstate named as a New York State Department of Health Designated Stroke Center under his leadership.

Dr. Rosenbaum’s dedication to the success and progress of Downstate is evidenced in his work throughout the campus. He serves on numerous committees that include: the College of Medicine Dean Search committee, Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology, Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, and Chief of Cardiology search committees. He is currently Chairman of the Graduate Medical Education Committee and serves on the Student Academic Promotion Committee, as well as the University Physicians of Brooklyn Executive Committee. Additionally, Dr. Rosenbaum served as the Vice-President of the Robert F. Furchgott Society, which is named in
honor of Downstate's first Nobel Laureate and dedicated to the development of the next generation of researchers. He also currently serves as a member of Downstate's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Dr. Rosenbaum's service and commitment to our teaching mission is very apparent. His significant contributions to teaching medical students, residents, and assisting his faculty colleagues are woven into his daily activities. Dr. Rosenbaum conducts rounds at several hospitals as well as in outpatient clinics. He is a highly sought-after resource for medical students, residents, and fellows and is very generous with his time to help those in need. He has authored and/or co-authored 14 books and chapters, contributed to over 80 peer reviewed journals, and more than 120 abstracts/presentations. Additionally, he serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Ophthalmology and the Journal of Stroke and Epilepsy. He is recognized for his expertise and vast knowledge, which has led to invitations for speaking engagements at the national and international conferences.

Dr. Rosenbaum has been lauded for his research and his service to the community, particularly in Brooklyn community. He volunteers to speak on neurological issues and strokes as a New York City Honorary Police Surgeon and at Hatzalah, a volunteer ambulance corps and at local synagogues and churches. He is the recipient of awards and honors including election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Clinical Investigator Developmental Award from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). He has rendered service as an active member to a multitude of national professional societies including: the American Academy of Neurology, American Heart Association, Society for Neuroscience, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, NYSTEM New York State Stem Cell Science, and Operation Stroke where he served as the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Subcommittee.

Dr. Rosenbaum has a strong record of service to SUNY, Downstate, the community, and the nation. He embodies the combination of outstanding qualities that define the rank of Distinguished Service Professor and it is my great honor to nominate him for this prestigious distinction and award.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne J. Riley, M.D.
January 7, 2019

Tod A. Laursen, PhD
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Re: Margaret Turk, MD, candidate for the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Dear Dr. Laursen:

I am pleased to support Dr. Margaret Turk as an outstanding candidate for the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor. Dr. Turk’s nomination has been unanimously approved by our ten-member campus Committee on Distinguished Professorships. Committee members include members of faculty and student governance, distinguished professors, and faculty representation from all colleges. They have meticulously reviewed the nomination, multiple internal and external letters of support, Dr. Turk’s Curriculum Vitae and his contributions relevant to the criteria outlined for the rank. I fully endorse the committee’s recommendation.

Dr Turk consistently does a lot and does it extremely well. Where others join, she leads. For instance, her current position consists of all of these jobs simultaneously (!): In the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, she is Professor since 1999, Vice Chair since 2004, Quality Officer since 2014, Director of the Pediatric Rehabilitation clinical program and Clinical Research, and Faculty Advisor, PM&R Medical Student Elective and Summer Externship. Dr Turk is also active as Professor of Pediatrics, 1999-present; Professor, Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, 2015-present; Visiting Professor, Fudan University, Department PMR, Huashan Hospital, Shanghai, PRC; Rehabilitation School of Kunming Medical University, Kunming, PRC; and Adjunct Professor, Department of Exercise Science, School of Education, Syracuse University, 1995 –present. She is Associate Medical Director, University Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, 2006-present and the UH at Community General Hosp Rehab Unit, 2012-present; and Medical Director, St. Camillus Rehabilitation Programs (SNF level rehab/TBI), 1997-present.

Despite her considerable administrative and clinical duties, Dr Turk has maintained an internationally recognized research program. She has received 5 federal grants, her current one being a five year renewal. She has also received a number of other grants and, equally importantly, conducted meaningful unfunded research. This has led to five books, 22 chapters, 22 papers, and an astonishing 27 editorials in the leading journals in her field.
Without exaggeration, she is a legend in China, where she has taught regularly for twenty years. She has also presented in Australia, France, Canada and Saudi Arabia and has been a Visiting Professor at numerous national Universities. Few faculty members can claim to have made a distinct difference by improving the lives of people with disabilities across the world.

Dr Turk not only joins the major national associations, but she easily becomes a leader in them. Dr. Turk serves as a grant reviewer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institute of Health (NIH), where she has chaired both the study section for the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research and the Directors Advisory Council, and participated in the required 4 year review of the NIH Medical Rehabilitation Clinical Center. She serves on the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Data and Safety Monitoring Board for a Phase II Randomized Controlled Trial An Oral Health Promotion (OHPRom) Strategy for Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disability and on the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Administration for Community Living’s Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center Publisher’s Working Group. She has also served as Chair of a panel for the White House Summit Research Forum on Children with Disability, developed guidelines for health promotion and preventative medicine for people with spina bifida through a partnership with the CDC and the Spina Bifida Association, and worked with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) to develop quality care measures for working with people with disability. Additionally, Dr. Turk contributed to the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) national reports on disability published in 1997 (Enabling America: Assessing the Role of Rehabilitation Science and Engineering) and 2007 (The Future of Disability in America).

Internationally, Dr. Turk was an author of the World Health Organization (WHO) and World Bank–sponsored World Report on Disability, the first to provide a global perspective on the health and well-being of people with disability. As the founding Co-Editor of Disability & Health Journal (impact factor of 1.86), Dr Turk promotes research that improves health for people with disability across the lifespan.

Dr. Turk is a leader in the PMR Graduate Medical Education Re-Alignment Planning Commission and the New York State PMR Society’s Legislative and Executive Committee, served on the Board of Directors for the American Board of PMR (and was its first woman chairman) and the American Board of Medical Specialties. She has also been an influential leader in the American Academy of PMR, American Association for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Association of Academic Physiatrists, and the American Association of Medical Colleges.

Naturally, Dr. Turk has received numerous awards. For instance, she has received the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health Alumnae Achievement Award in 2000; the United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational
Foundation Isabelle and Leonard Goldenson Technology and Rehabilitation Award in 2004; the Walter J. Zeiter Lectureship Award by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 2008; the Chambers Family Lifespan Lectureship Award by the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine in 2009; and the Silent Angel Award from the Brain Injury Association of New York State.

In sum, Dr Turk has been a major contributor to creating a better world for some of our most challenging patients, including children with severe disabilities, by her work at Upstate, the nation, and across the globe. I am delighted to support her promotion to SUNY Distinguished Service Professor with distinct enthusiasm.

Thank you for the opportunity to recognize and promote this very deserving candidate.

Sincerely,

Mantosh J. Dewan, MD
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor
Interim President