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MEMORANDUM

TO: SUNY Campus Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Dr. Tod A. Laursen, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations: Distinguished Faculty Ranks Academic Year 2020-2021

I am pleased to invite nominations for the following four Distinguished Faculty Ranks categories for academic year 2020-2021. As you know, the biennial Policies and Procedures were announced last year. The categories are described below:

- The *Distinguished Professorship (DP)* recognizes national or international prominence through research and scholarship, or artistic performance and achievement.
- The *Distinguished Service Professorship (DSP)* recognizes a notable reputation for service to the campus and the State University, and to the community, state or nation. [Number of DSP nominations capped by enrollment]
- The *Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP)* recognizes outstanding teaching mastery at the graduate, undergraduate, or professional levels. [Number of DTP nominations capped by enrollment]
- The *Distinguished Librarian (DL)* recognizes individuals with a notable reputation for significant achievement in the areas of scholarship/research, service/librarianship, or teaching. Contributions include creating a new information environment and fostering information literacy.

The Distinguished Faculty designation is the highest conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees, representing a promotion in rank or honorific distinction. Appointees are inducted into the [SUNY Distinguished Academy](#), leveraging their expertise in support of SUNY’s mission and strategic priorities.

As you might recall, as part of our efforts to encourage greater recognition of SUNY faculty and grow the ranks of the Distinguished Academy, length of service requirements for the DSP, DTP, and DL categories have been reduced to three years of on-campus experience. All ranks continue to require five years at full professor/librarian rank. Eligibility requirements for the DP category have not changed.
As always, the information regarding nominations is available online, including the campus nomination allocations for the DSP and DTP categories for academic year 2020-2021. Nominations should be sent via e-mail to awards@suny.edu as follows:

- For Fall 2020 decision, nominations are due Friday, September 11, 2020
- For Spring 2021 decision, nominations are due Friday, January 8, 2021

Please share this information with your campus President, deans and directors, department chairs, awards coordinators, faculty governance, and any others you deem appropriate. Questions should be sent to awards@suny.edu or feel free to contact Yvette Roberts, Program Manager for Faculty and Staff Awards at (518) 320-1449.

We look forward to reviewing your nominations.

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