MEMORANDUM

TO: SUNY Campus Chief Academic Officers
FROM: Dr. Tod A. Laursen, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor
SUBJECT: Call for Nominations, Distinguished Faculty Ranks (2019-20)

On behalf of Chancellor Johnson and the SUNY Trustees, I am pleased to invite nominations for the following four Distinguished Faculty categories for academic year 2019-20 (under revised guidelines as 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 transformational contributions in creating a new information environment and fostering information literacy.

The Distinguished Faculty designation is the highest conferred by the SUNY 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.

Please note that 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 three of the four categories, DSP, DTP, and DL have been reduced, moving from 10 years to three years of on-campus experience. (NB: All ranks continue to require five years at full professor/librarian rank. Eligibility requirements for DP have not changed.)

As always, the information you need to submit nominations is available online, including the revised policies and procedures. This year, no hard copies of nominations are required. Please submit nominations electronically to awards@suny.edu as follows:

- For Fall 2019 decision, nominations are due Friday, September 13, 2019, 5 p.m.
- For Spring 2020 decision, nominations are due Friday, January 10, 2020, 5 p.m.
Please share this information with your 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 call (518) 320-1670.

We look forward to reviewing your nominations.

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