TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Programs and Awards Committee
RE: To Change Length of Service for Distinguished Professorships
DATE: 181st Winter Plenary, January 17-19, 2019
LOCATION: SUNY Cobleskill
RESOLUTION #: 181-01-01
VOTE TALLY: FOR: 38; AGAINST: 1; ABSTAIN: 3

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the Distinguished Professor designation constitutes the highest system tribute conferred upon SUNY faculty; and

WHEREAS the Distinguished Faculty Rank programs encourage ongoing commitment to excellence, kindle intellectual vibrancy, elevate the standards of instruction and enrich contributions to public service; and

WHEREAS all four Distinguished Professorship ranks should reflect sustained outstanding service to the State University of New York.

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate recommends that the Chancellor adjust the criteria for promotion to distinguished professorships to read: “Candidates for all four Distinguished Professorship Ranks must have held the rank of Professor or Librarian for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.”
## BACKGROUND:

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<th>Length of Service (2017-2019)</th>
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<td>Distinguished Professorship (DP)</td>
<td>Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for at least five years and must have at least one year of full-time service at the nominating institution.</td>
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<td>Distinguished Service Professorship (DSP)</td>
<td>Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for five years, must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution, and must have completed at least ten years of full-time service in the State University of New York.</td>
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<td>Distinguished Teaching Professorship (DTP)</td>
<td>Candidates must have held the rank of Professor for five years, have completed at least three years of full-time teaching on the campus that recommends the appointment and ten years of full-time teaching in the State University of New York.</td>
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<td>Distinguished Librarian (DL)</td>
<td>Candidates must have completed at least five years of full-time service at the rank of Librarian (or full Professor with direct library responsibilities at a community college), have completed three years of full-time librarianship on the campus that recommends the appointment, and at least ten years of service within the State University of New York.</td>
<td>Candidates must have held the rank of Librarian for at least five years (including time in rank at non-SUNY institutions) and must have at least three years of full-time service at the nominating institution.</td>
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Note: This resolution would amend the policies as currently stated for Distinguished Professor and Distinguished Librarian in “Policies and Procedures, Academic Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.”
cycle (pp. 5-8).