Faculty Promotion & Tenure Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the promotion and/or tenure of the faculty members listed in the attached document.

BACKGROUND

The faculty members listed below have satisfi	ed the requirements for promotion and/or
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tenure.	

Responsible Staff Date President Date

Board Action Date



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Faculty Promotion & Tenure Recommendations 2025-26

Promotion of Tenured Faculty Members from Associate to Full Professor

College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Michael Cohen, Professor, Leadership, Policy, & Development Lu Tian, Professor, Applied Psychology & Counselor Education

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Enrique Bernales Albites, Professor, World Languages & Cultures Molly Desjardins, Professor, English Tara Wood, Professor, English Ather Zia, Professor, Anthropology and Gender Studies

College of Natural & Health Sciences

Nicholas Pullen, Professor, Biological Sciences

Tenure with Promotion to Associate Professor

College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Joanna Lewis, Associate Professor, Psychological Sciences

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Dennis Aguirre, Associate Professor, Chicana/o & Latinx Studies

Monfort College of Business

Muhanad Manshad, Associate Professor, Computer Information Systems

College of Natural & Health Sciences

Caitlin Raaz, Associate Professor, Communication Sciences & Disorders

Tenure without Promotion

Monfort College of Business

Constantin Gurdgiev, Associate Professor, Finance

Contract-Renewable Promotion to Assistant Professor

College of Natural & Health Sciences

Katherine O'Hara, Assistant Professor, Rehabilitation & Human Services

Contract-Renewable Promotion to Associate Professor

College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Ryan Darling, Associate Professor, Psychological Sciences

College of Natural & Health Sciences

James Haughian, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences

College of Performing & Visual Arts

Reiner Kramer, Associate Professor, Music

Tenure Recommendations, Steven Elias and Stephani Etheridge Woodson

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the tenure recommendations for incoming Dean of the Monfort College of Business Steven Elias and incoming Vice Provost for Enrollment Services & Dean of Undergraduate Studies Stephani Etheridge Woodson.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Steven Elias has been recommended for tenure by the faculty of the Department of Management.

Dr. Stephani Etheridge Woodson has been recommended for tenure by the faculty of the School of Theatre Arts & Dance.

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Responsible Staff	Date	President	Date
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Tenure Recommendation

Steven Elias, Ph.D.

Dean, Monfort College of Business

Professor, Department of Management

Department memo:

Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business Department of Management

May 9, 2025

Retreat Rights: Dr. Steve Elias

The Management Department supports the retreat rights of Dr. Steve Elias to hold a tenured position in the department at full Professor level in case he is appointed as the new dean for MCB.

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Chair and Professor of Management



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Tenure Recommendation

Stephani Etheridge Woodson, Ph.D. Vice Provost for Enrollment Services & Dean of Undergraduate Studies Professor, School of Theatre Arts & Dance

Department memo:

May 23, 2025

Retreat Rights: Dr. Stephani E. Woodson

The School of Theatre Arts & Dance supports the retreat rights of Dr. Stephani E. Woodson to hold a tenured full professor position in the School of Theatre Arts & Dance in case she is appointed as the new Vice Provost for Enrollment Services & Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Anne M Toewe Director, School of Theatre Arts & Dance