


June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D.   
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair.

**BACKGROUND:**

Established in 2007, the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair is awarded to a tenured associate or full professor in either the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences or the Neag School of Education who has a distinguished record in both policy-relevant research and public engagement. In addition, incumbents are expected to use funds to enhance the impact of their work by promoting it to external audiences. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

Professor Donaldson is a Professor of Educational Leadership, the Director for the Center for Education Policy Analysis, Research, & Evaluation, and Director of the EdD. program. Professor Donaldson's research has centered on educator development, including educator performance evaluation, teaching and leadership quality, and school reform broadly. Her research on teacher evaluation practices has gained state and national attention due to high-quality research on these prominent policy issues and her work in translating her research into policy and practice. Her work is also tightly connected to the work of policymakers affiliated with the Connecticut State Department of Education, superintendents, principals, and teachers within the state's public schools.