


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 Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek
Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business.

BACKGROUND:

The Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting was established to support a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding contributions within the Department in one or more areas of teaching, research, and service. This appointment will be effective from August 23, 2024, through August 22, 2027.

The decision to reappoint was made following the School of Business policy. Dean Elliott is making his recommendation based on consultation with the associate deans and the relevant department head in the School of Business.

Michael Willenborg (Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University) is a tenured Professor of Accounting in the School of Business. He has served on the faculty at the University of Connecticut since 1996. His research focuses on empirical, economics-based research in auditing and financial accounting. Professor Willenborg was chosen as the Kochanek Professor because of his strong research record, interest in and history of working with doctoral students, and his distinguished service to the Department, School, University, and Profession. He is a highly regarded faculty member in our M.B.A. program, as evidenced by his receipt of several teaching awards.