

April 23, 2025

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 Daniele Fabris as the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr.
Distinguished Chair in Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Daniele Fabris as the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND:

The Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry was established in 1996 by Harold S. Schwenk, Jr. and Paula H. J. Schwenk to support the research and academic activities of a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry who would build a reputation among top national and international educators and enhance the visibility of the Department of Chemistry within the business community.

Professor Fabris held this appointment for a five-year term from January 2020 to December 2024. During this time, the COVID-19 pandemic heavily influenced and limited opportunities to demonstrate scholarly activity for the chair. The recommendation to reappoint is made by Dean Ofer Harel with the endorsement of the Department Head and Department Committee. The appointment will be effective January 1, 2025 through August 23, 2026.

As the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry, Professor Fabris will draw on his considerable background and scholarly achievements as a teacher and center director as well as the founder and chief scientific officer of Ribodynamics LLC. His work will contribute to the vitality of the academic life for his faculty colleagues and students and to the broader scientific and business community through his work in the enterprise of the commercialization of diagnostic technologies.