



Office of the Provost

BOARD APPROVED
August 7, 2026
Cindy Ream
Corporate Secretary

To: Board of Trustees

From: Patrick Wolfe
Provost & Miller Family Professor of Statistics and Computer Science

Date: April 17, 2026

RE: Named Deanship

As you are aware, Phillip VanFossen was named Dean of the College of Education on April 13, 2026. As this is a named deanship, I am pleased to recommend that Dr. VanFossen be appointed as the Suzi and Dale Gallagher Dean of the College of Education. A copy of his signed offer letter and curriculum vitae are attached for your review.

Dr. VanFossen brings outstanding and distinctive leadership experience to this role, informed by his extensive academic career and most recently his service as Interim Dean since 2022. He currently serves as Director and the James F. Ackerman Distinguished Professor of Social Studies Education.

This memo requests your approval to formally appoint Phillip VanFossen as the Suzi and Dale Gallagher Dean of the College of Education.

Approval recommended:

Approved:

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05/04/2026

Patrick J. Wolfe
Provost & Miller Family Professor of
Statistics and Computer Science

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Mung Chiang
President
Roscoe H. George Distinguished Professor of
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