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I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kathryn Elizabeth Angell as dean, School of Social Work, for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, and professor of social work, with tenure, School of Social Work, effective July 1, 2022. This recommendation follows a national search conducted by a search advisory committee. Kathryn Elizabeth Angell received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989. She earned a Master of Science in social work with a subconcentration in severe and persistent mental illness from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993, followed by a Doctorate in social welfare in 1999. Professor Angell completed a post-doctoral fellowship in mental health services research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Policy and Practice from 1999-2000. In 2000, she joined the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice at the University of Chicago as an assistant professor, where she was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2007. During her time at the University of Chicago, she served as a faculty affiliate of the Center for Health Administration Studies and executive committee member of the National Consortium on Stigma and Empowerment. In 2008, Professor Angell joined Rutgers University-New Brunswick, where she was appointed as an associate professor in the School of Social Work and faculty in the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. She was appointed the as the chair of the faculty in the School of Social Work from 2015-2018. In 2018, she became a professor and dean at the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Professor Angell has a distinguished career in academic social work. Her research and teaching focus on service delivery for adults with serious mental illness and the intersection of mental illness with legal and justice system involvement. From 1994-1997, her doctoral training was supported by a National Institute of Mental Health National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Pre-doctoral Training Fellowship. Her research on mental health service delivery has been continuously funded by Federal, state, and foundation sources, including by a Young Investigator Award from the NARSAD Foundation in 2001, the John D. and Catherine T.
MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Mandated Community Treatment from 2003-2005, and the National Institute of Mental Health-funded Center on Adherence and Self-Determination from 2009-2015. During her time at Rutgers 2008-2018, she served as co-investigator on a randomized trial of Critical Time Intervention for men with mental illness leaving prison, funded by an R01 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, and the principal investigator in the evaluation of New Jersey’s involuntary outpatient commitment law through the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Her work has been published in a variety of journals in the fields of social work, psychiatry, and the sociology of mental health, such as Social Science and Medicine, Psychiatric Services, and the Social Service Review. In 2018, Professor Angell was inducted as a fellow in the Society for Social Work and Research.

As dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, Professor Angell led the growth of the school’s academic programs, including the development of a fully online M.S.W. program, leading to an increase in total school enrollment of more than 40%. She also launched a school-wide effort to embrace a racial justice and equity agenda, including the adoption of a statement of commitment to social and racial justice, the formation of a racial justice and equity task force, development and funding of student leadership fellowships in racial justice, and convening initiatives to revise curriculum and overhaul methods for assessing student climate. Under her direction, the school’s graduate program increased five places in the U.S. News rankings and its operating budget and fundraising levels reached record highs. As an academic and administrative leader, she has demonstrated a commitment to engaging the community with diversity, equity, and inclusion and the ability to combine vision and action effectively.

Her commitment to student learning and ability to forge productive partnerships will make her an outstanding dean. I am confident that Kathryn Elizabeth Angell will lead the School of Social Work to achieve its mission and goals. I am pleased to recommend her appointment, effective July 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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