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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

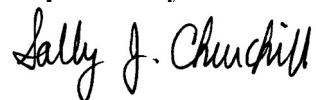
**Shari Saunders Ph.D.**, clinical professor of education, Marsal Family School of Education, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Professor Saunders received her Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University in 1981. She received her Master of Arts degree in 1982 from Northwestern University and her Doctorate in 1991 from the University of Virginia. Professor Saunders joined the School of Education in 1990 as an assistant professor of education on the tenure track. She left the School of Education in 1995 to take a position as a program manager at the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. In 2001, Professor Saunders returned to the School of Education as a clinical assistant professor. She was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2007 and to clinical professor in 2016. She served as the associate dean for undergraduate and teacher education from 2016-2021, providing leadership in the Educator Preparation Program and leading initiatives in undergraduate education such as the education minor.

Professor Saunders is a leader in providing professional development for teachers across the Midwest in the areas of trauma and equity. Her scholarship addresses gaps in the preparation of teachers related to issues of equity and social justice. She works to integrate knowledge that she has developed to help others address challenges in their teaching practice, particularly in the areas of diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice. Professor Saunders taught courses about teaching and learning as well as about educational reform and policy, during which she centered her commitments to transformation, social justice, and advocacy. From 2016-2019, she also served as the School of Education's faculty liaison for inclusive teaching to the university. In 2019, she co-created the Interprofessional Mini-Certificate in Trauma-Informed Practice with faculty colleagues in the School of Social Work and School of Nursing.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Shari Saunders, clinical professor emerita of education**.

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