



## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**May 7, 2026**

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**FACULTY PROMOTION, INITIAL RANK AT HIRE, AND TENURE**

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**REQUEST:**

Approval of faculty promotion, initial rank at hire, and tenure recommendations.

**FACTS:**

President Caboni in collaboration with Provost Fischer, college deans, department chairs/directors, and representative faculty request Board approval for the attached faculty promotion, initial rank at hire, and tenure recommendations effective July 1, 2026.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for faculty promotions and new appointment salaries are provided by the hiring college and have been budgeted for FY 27.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of all faculty promotion, initial rank at hire, and tenure recommendations.

**MOTION:**

Approve all faculty promotion, initial rank at hire, and tenure recommendations.

**2025-2026 Faculty Promotion, Rank at Hire, and Tenure Review Cycle Recommendations  
to be effective July 1, 2026**

Tenure and Promotion to the Rank of Associate Professor

Ellen Casale, Teacher Education, College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Christopher Peters, Psychology, College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Daniel Boamah, Social Work, College of Health & Human Services

Melissa Travelsted, Nursing & Allied Health, College of Health & Human Services

Golnaz Baradaran Motie, Economics, Gordon Ford College of Business

Pinky Rusli, Accounting, Gordon Ford College of Business

Phillip Gunter, Agriculture & Food Science, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Jason Stewart, Biology, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Landon Elkind, Political Science, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Sarah Herbert, Music, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Tenure and Promotion to the Rank of Pedagogical Associate Professor

Matthew McCurry, Music, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Tenure

William Czekanski, Kinesiology, Rec & Sport, College of Health & Human Services

Nicholas Fessler, Accounting, Gordon Ford College of Business

Tiffany Brown, Theatre & Dance, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Promotion to the Rank of Professor

Paula Upright, Kinesiology, Rec & Sport, College of Health & Human

Susane Leguizamon, Economics, Gordon Ford College of Business

Ali Er, Physics & Astronomy, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Dominique Gumirakiza, Agriculture & Food Science, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Sophia Arjana, History, Potter College of Arts & Letters

James Barker, History, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Ann Ferrell, Society, Culture, Crime & Justice Studies, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Bradley Pfranger, Media & Communication, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Andrew Rosa, History, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Marilee Salvator, Art & Design, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Trini Stickle, English, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Christy Spurlock, Library Collections & Discovery, Potter College of Arts & Letters

#### Promotion to the Rank of Pedagogical Professor

Dana Henson, Management, Gordon Ford College of Business

#### Promotion to the Rank of Clinical Professor

Leigh Anne Roden, Communication Sciences & Disorders, College of Health & Human Services

#### Promotion to the Rank of Senior Instructor

Jessica McClanahan, Media & Communication, Potter College of Arts & Letters

#### Promotion to the Rank of Instructor II

Melanie Eaton, Public Health, College of Health & Human Services

Kelli Truelove, Psychological Sciences, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Jonathan Adams, Media & Communication, Potter College of Arts & Letters

Na Li, Modern Languages, Potter College of Arts & Letters

#### Initial Appointment at Rank of Professor and Tenure

Julian Allagan, Mathematics, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Initial Appointment at Rank of Associate Professor and Tenure

Jennifer Stewart, Psychological Sciences, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Fadi Sibai, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Initial Appointment at Rank of Associate Professor

James Rodenbush, Media & Communication, Potter College of Arts & Letters