June 26, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John A. Elliott
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Professor Sergio Luzzatto to the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Sergio Luzzatto to the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND:

The Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair is the only endowed chair in the field of modern Italian history in the United States. In addition to promoting graduate teaching and research in modern Italian history, the Chair is responsible for producing the Journal of Modern Italian Studies, which is recognized as a leading peer review journal in the field. Professor Luzzatto will join the Department of History beginning in Fall 2019. He comes to the University of Connecticut from the University of Turin in Italy where he has served as a full professor of Modern European History since 2001.

As the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History, Professor Luzzatto will draw on his considerable background and scholarly achievements to engage our students in the study of Italian history from the eighteenth century to the present day, all through an interdisciplinary lens. His work will contribute to the vitality of the academic life for his faculty colleagues, our undergraduate and graduate students, and to the significant percentage of Connecticut residents who are of Italian descent.

In 1992, the Board of Trustees appointed Professor John A. Davis as the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair. Following Professor Davis’s retirement, the College launched an international search to recruit Professor Sergio Luzzatto to hold this prestigious honor.