

DATE August 14, 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 Preston Green

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Professor Preston Green to the John and Maria Neag Professorship in Urban Education.

BACKGROUND:

This named professorship replaces the John and Maria Endowed Chair that was once held by Don Leu, who was appointed to the Chair in 2002 and retired in September 1, 2018. Unlike Endowed Chairs that are independently funded, the Neag Endowed Chairs/Named Professorships are based on a set aside allocation from the Ray Neag Endowment to the Neag School and is used for that purpose at the Dean's discretion. Moving forward, the Dean's intent is to use the Ray Neag Fund to fund Named Professorships only.

Preston Green is a Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and is a nationally recognized expert in the area of educational law and policy. In addition to disseminating his work in high caliber scholarly journals, his work has been cited in national publications such as *The Washington Post*, *Business Insider*, *The Atlantic*, and *American Prospect*. Moreover, Dr. Green has been quoted in several national publications including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Boston Globe*. His national reputation distinguishes UConn as a leader in the field of educational leadership.

Dr. Green will be the inaugural holder of the John and Maria Neag Professorship as of September 1, 2019. His appointment to the Professorship will be for a three-year term through August 22, 2022.