

June 23, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl W. Lejuez, Ph.D.   
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Appointment of Sandra Chafouleas, PhD, to a Neag Professorship

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Sandra Chafouleas, PhD, to a Neag Professorship in the Neag School of Education beginning on August 23, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Unlike independently funded named professorships, Neag Professorships are based on an encumbered allocation of funds from the Ray Neag Endowment held by the Neag School of Education. Based on the criteria included in the Endowed Chair Appointment and Renewal Process, Dean Gladis Kersaint is nominating Professor Chafouleas based on her distinguished and sustained record of achievement.

Dr. Sandra M. Chafouleas is a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology within the Neag School of Education. She is also the founder and Co-Director of the UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health (CSCH). Dr. Chafouleas is a nationally known scholar whose work focuses on supporting schools implement evidence-informed practices in areas of integrated health and learning, school mental health, and behavior assessment. Dr. Chafouleas builds and leads research teams that bring together personnel from across UConn and the nation who offer different disciplinary perspectives and expertise in tackling important issues for children, families, and schools. Her scholarly work has focused on assisting with decisions about school-based practices to help define which behaviors are critical to learning, health, and well-being; who needs additional supports to be successful; and what processes can inform practices that are effective for individual students, classrooms, and schools.

Dr. Chafouleas has demonstrated continued success with securing extramural funding for her research, serving as the principal or co-principal investigator for over 10 million dollars of federal funding since 2006. She has authored over 150 publications, and regularly serves as a national presenter and invited speaker. She is a fellow in both the American Psychological Association and Association for Psychological Science, and is an Invited Member and Past-President of the Society for the Study of School Psychology. She received the 2018 Edward C.

Marth Graduate Mentorship award from the University of Connecticut AAUP; the 2018 UConn Alumni Foundation award for Faculty Excellence in Research and Creativity Award in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; the 2016 APA Division 16 Oakland Mid-Career Scholar Award; the 2009 UConn Alumni Association award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching; and previously served as associate dean for The Graduate School (2012-2014) and then the associate dean for research in the Neag School (2014-2016). Most recently she served as chair of the search committee to find our new provost, and is serving as a member and subcommittee co-chair on the president's mental health taskforce. In sum, Dr. Chafouleas is one of our most impactful scholars, teachers, mentors, and ambassadors in the Neag School of Education and across UConn.