

June 29, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric
Interim President



RE: Establishment of the Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees establish the Wiktor Osiatyński Chair in Human Rights in the Human Rights Institute in the Office of Global Affairs.

BACKGROUND:

Alumnus Gary Gladstein and the Foundation to Promote Open Society are longstanding donors to the University's human rights program and recently partnered to establish an endowed fund in recognition of their friendship with, and the scholarly contributions of, the late Professor Wiktor Osiatyński. This donation is consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines* for an endowed Chair.

The purpose of the fund is to provide faculty support for the appointed chairholder within the Office of Global Affairs' Human Rights Institute. The individual appointed to the Chair will be a nationally or internationally recognized researcher, scholar, and teacher and will have made significant contributions to human rights research and practice. The appointed chair will be from the disciplines represented in the University's human rights faculty. Currently those disciplines include the humanities, social sciences, business, education, engineering, fine arts, law, social work, and medicine and dental medicine.

Professor Wiktor Osiatyński was an eminent constitutional scholar and served as a board member of the Open Society Foundations. In 2000, he held the inaugural Marsha Lilien Gladstein Visiting Professorship in Human Rights at the University of Connecticut and played a fundamental role in the formation of the University's Human Rights Institute in 2003.

At its June 7, 2022, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.