

June 28, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees appoint Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the period of August 23, 2023 through August 22, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

John and Donna Krenicki established the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in January 2016 in memory of Mr. Krenicki's brother, Paul Krenicki. Professor Jessica Rouge will be the second holder of this named professorship, following Professor James Rusling who held the professorship from August 23, 2018 to August 22, 2023. Professor Rouge was nominated by her faculty colleagues and department head based upon her record of outstanding scholarship as evidenced by the overall impact of publications, extraordinarily high citations, funding, external awards, invited presentations at major national and international meetings, all of which have elevated the visibility and standing of the department. This recommendation is supported by Dean Juli Wade.

Professor Rouge's research is interdisciplinary and focuses on understanding how nanomaterials interact with biological systems. This work provides the means by which new, advanced therapeutic approaches to diseases including cancer and inflammatory diseases can be designed and implemented. Dr. Rouge's research is well-funded. These projects have resulted in numerous publications in highly respected journals. In addition, in 2019, she was awarded a patent for a universal enzyme responsive linker, and she has a second patent pending. Through this work, she has established a strong lab group and has been recognized internationally for her work.