

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session
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Montclair State University

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Public Notice:

Please take notice that on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 10:30 am, the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall hold a public meeting at which time formal actions may be taken on the agenda, which may include: contract awards, personnel matters and such other matters as may be necessary. The meeting will be conducted both in person in the University Hall Conference Center, 7th Floor, Little Falls, NJ and virtually via Zoom.

For the Public Session packet as well as the link to join the meeting, you may go to www.montclair.edu/board-of-trustees/agenda-and-schedule/

MONTCLAIR **STATE UNIVERSITY**

Montclair, New Jersey

November 3, 2025

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Mr. Kent Sluyter, Chair
Mr. Quentin Ocampo, Student Representative

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Mr. Jameson Klinsky, Student Representative

Faculty Representative to the Board

Professor Mary English

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Minutes

September 9, 2025

Present: Mr. Anthony Abrantes, Mr. Modia Butler, Ms. Mary Comito, Prof. Mary English, Ms. Tracy Higgins, Mr. Jameson Klinsky, President Jonathan Koppell, Mr. Quentin Ocampo, Ms. Shelia Rostiac and Mr. Kent Sluyter

Absent: Dr. Francis Cuss, Mr. Marc de Grandpre, Mr. Sreeni Kutam and Mr. Preston Pinkett

By invitation: Ms. Althea Broomfield Michel, Mr. David Chun, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Mr. Benjamin Durant, Ms. Meredith Gatzke, Dr. Junius Gonzales, Mr. Adam Rathbun, Mr. James Solodar, Dr. Dawn Meza Soufleris, Dr. Tara Morlando-Zurlo, Ms. Rita Walters, Mr. Keith Barrack and Ms. Katie Comanto

Mr. Sluyter called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

STATEMENT REGARDING MANAGER OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Mr. Sluyter read the following statement regarding the public notice of the meeting: “Please be advised that in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting — September 9, 2025 — has been provided by distributing notices as required, properly posting 48-hour notice, and forwarding notices to designated newspapers and to persons requesting such notification.”

ROLL CALL - As reported above.

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JULY 15, 2025

Trustees approved the minutes from July 15, 2025, as distributed.

No. 3545

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR – MR. KENT SLUYTER

Mr. Sluyter reported that in Closed Session, the Trustees reviewed the minutes from the July 2025 committee meetings, reviewed Committee reports, and reviewed the legal matters report.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Koppell welcomed back students for the start of the semester and noted the successful student orientations, move-in and welcome week on both Montclair and Bloomfield campuses. President Koppell highlighted the record enrollment of 24,000 students and improved retention and graduation rates. He also addressed the success of Montclair Unbound and Summer Pre-College Programs and the PROPEL Project, which provides opportunities to managers and administrators to enhance their professional skills. The President spotlighted the creation of the Montclair 250 committee to celebrate the country’s semiquincentennial milestone and the series of community lectures around American democracy and civic engagement which will take place throughout the academic year. He also commented on the increased national visibility of the University. President Koppell ended by thanking Provost Junius Gonzales for his work at the University and wishing well in his new role.

UNION REPORT

AFT President Laura Field welcomed faculty and staff back to campus and noted the AFT's continued commitment to supporting its members through the current challenging higher education landscape. President Field acknowledged the beginning of Hispanic Serving Institutions Week and looked forward to celebrating the rich diversity of the University throughout the coming week and months. She also noted that in light of the leadership changes and restructuring at the University, the AFT stands ready to work with the administration and negotiate impacts when appropriate to support the University into the future. President Field closed by encouraging all to stay engaged in the local and gubernatorial elections in November.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMMITTEE

Ms. Rostiac reported that the Committee met on September 9, 2025 to review the minutes from its July 10, 2025 meeting, proposed personnel actions and a list of new hires anticipated before the Board's next meeting.

Personnel Actions

Ms. Rostiac moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following personnel actions:

- 1 - Faculty Tenure Appointment
- 19 - Faculty Appointments
- 12 - Assistant / Associate Teaching Professor Appointments
- 1 - Librarian Appointment
- 5 - Managerial Appointments
- 10 - Professional Staff Appointments
- 1 - Leave of Absence without Pay

Faculty Appointment: Tenure, Tenure Track (AY26)
+Contingent upon competition of doctoral degree by August 1, 2025,
****12-month position, #Tenure on appointment***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Theresa Brown#	Educational Foundations	Professor	8/29/25	PhD MA MA BA	Bowling Green State University Bowling Green State University Georgian Court University Montclair State College

Faculty Appointment
Non Tenure Track (AY26)
***one-year, ^half-time, ^quarter-time, temporary, non-tenure track appointment**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Ruth Borgenicht*	Visual Arts	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BA MFA	Rutgers University Montclair State University
Kenneth Brewer*	Writing Studies	Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD PhD	University of North Carolina at Charlotte Purdue University Stanford University Stanford University

Adam Broder*	Accounting and Finance	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BS MBA	Cornell University Columbia Business School
Lisa Lynn Brooks*	Educational Foundations	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BA MS PhD	University of Oklahoma Oklahoma State University Oklahoma State University
Gerald Costa**	Family Science/Human Development	Professor	8/29/25	BS MA MA PhD	St. Peter's College Fairleigh Dickinson University Temple University Temple University
Koen DePryck^	Humanities & Social Sciences	Full Professor	8/9/25	BA MA PhD	University of Ghent, Belgium University of Ghent, Belgium University of Texas, Dallas
Diyunugalage Neranjaka Jayarathne*	Mathematics Department	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BS MS MS PhD	University of Colombo, Sri Lanka University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Texas Tech University Texas Tech University
Ryan Kasprzak*	Theatre/Dance	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BFA MFA	Marymount Manhattan College Wilson College
Mawia Khogali*	Psychology	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD	CUNY Medgar Evers College CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY Graduate Center
Peter Koeniges*	Kinesiology	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BS MEd PhD	Springfield College Springfield College Moravian University
Roberta Lazarus*	Communication Science & Disorders	Instructor	8/29/25	BA MA MA	University of Michigan American University Montclair State University
Leyla McCalla*	Cali School of Music	Artist In Residence	8/29/25	BA	New York University
Marla Meissner**	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BM MA PhD	Ithaca College Montclair State University New York University
Karl Nussbaum*	College of Communication and Media	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	MFA BS	Transart Institute/Donau Krems University, Berlin Washington University

Pooja Pathak*	Physics and Astronomy	Instructor	8/29/25	MS MSc	University of Akron Punjabi University, India
Jesse Parron*	School of Computing	Instructor	8/29/25	BS MS	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Kyle Ritenauer*	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BM	Manhattan School of Music
Francesca Scirocco*	Counseling	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD	Montclair State University Georgian Court University Capella University
Cleyvis Natera Tucker*	English	Assistant Professor	8/29/25	BA MFA	Skidmore College New York University

Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor (AY2026)

***10 month, ^12 month**

² two-year, non-tenure-track appointment

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Mabel Akinyemi*	Biology Department	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA PhD	University of Ibadan, Nigeria University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Elizabeth Benfanti*	Information Management and Business Analytics	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA MA	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Stephanie Diehl*	Writing Studies	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD	Bridgewater State University Rutgers University Rutgers University
Glenn Herdling*	Information Management and Business Analytics Department	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA MS	Bucknell University New York University
Lauren Lohe*	Nursing	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BS MS	Burlington County College Rowan University
Shashi Shekhar Rapaka*	Marketing Department	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BS	University of Bombay Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta

Kaitlin Santoro*	Art and Design	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BFA MFA	University of Connecticut Temple University
Lauren Schaible*	Psychology Department	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BS MA PhD	Seton Hall Monmouth University Georgian Court University
Cory Simpkins*	Economics	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD	Stockton University Clemson University Clemson University
Tanesha Thomas*	Sociology Department	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BA MA PhD	New York University City College of New York, CUNY The Graduate Center, CUNY
Jacqueline Tierney*	Nursing (BC)	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	AS BS BS MS PhD	County College of Morris Centenary University Chamberlain University Sacred Heart University William Paterson University
Dov Zazkis*	Math	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/29/25	BS MS PhD	Simon Fraser University (Canada) University of Northern British (Canada) San Diego State University

Librarian: Tenure, Tenure Track

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Bridget Jivanelli	Collections and Discovery	Head for Collections Strategies	8/29/25	BA MS	Loyola University of Maryland Queens College of the City University of New York

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2026)

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Jestina Casas	Information Technology	Change Management Director, Workday and System Enhancements	8/4/25	BS MS	Sonoma State University University of St. Augustine
Michael Hacker	Feliciano School of Business	Director, SBUS Technology Support Services	8/11/25	AA BS	Essex County College Montclair State University

Kin Carines Kent	Grants Accounting	Grants Accountant	9/8/25	BA	Far Eastern University
Lawrence Morgan	Residential Life	Director, Housing Operations and Logistics	9/15/25	BA MA	Arcadia University La Roche University
Wissam Morgan	Grants Post Award Accounting	Grants Accountant	7/7/25	BA MA	Damascus University, Syria Damascus University, Syria

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2026)
***Gift Funded, #Grant funded**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Yvette Andrade	CCHL/Career Services	Employer Relations Specialist (70%)	8/4/25	BS	Rutgers University
Gregory Elfers	Donor Relations	Associate Director of Philanthropic Engagement	8/11/25	BA MA	Ramapo College of New Jersey Baruch College
Katie Ingenito	Public Health	Assistant Department Administrator	9/10/25	BA MA	Fairleigh Dickson University Fairleigh Dickson University
Elizabeth Kalajian	Instructional Design and Faculty Development	Instructional Designer	9/8/25	BS MA	The College of New Jersey Montclair State University
Hitesh Mali	Integration Development	Workday Technical Developer	10/13/25	BA	Malviya National Institute of Technology (India)
John O'Brien	CCHL/Academic Advising	Program Associate, CCHL (Part Time)	8/11/25	BA MA	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Richard O'Connor	Game and Aquatic Facility Operations	Interim Head Coach, Men's and Women's Track and Field/ Cross Country	8/11/25	BA MA	Stockton University New Jersey City University
Aniyah Parks	Health Careers	Assistant Director for Recruitment and Programming	8/25/25	BA MA	Rider University Rider University
Samuel Shapiro	Disability Resource Center	Assistant Director, Disability Resource Center	9/8/25	BS MA	Beacon College University of Central Florida
Diana Trautner	Teaching and Learning	Clinical Partnership Coordinator	9/8/25	BA MS	The College of Wooster Pace University

Leave of Absence Without Pay

Name	Department	Term of Leave
Emily Hodge	Educational Leadership	August 29, 2025 – January 16, 2026

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3546

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Butler reported that the Student Success Committee met on September 8, 2025 and reviewed the minutes from its July 10, 2025 meeting, received the Clery reports for the Montclair and Bloomfield campuses, an update regarding student orientations and move-ins and updates of new initiatives and restructuring within Student Development and Campus Life intended to increase involvement in campus activities and enhance students' feelings of belonging and comfort on campus.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abrantes reported that the Infrastructure and Operations Committee met on September 5, 2025 and reviewed the minutes from the Committee's July 14, 2025 meeting, received a capital project report and reviewed contract awards.

Contract Awards

Mr. Slutyer moved that the following contract awards be approved:

- RFP 1630: Virtual Reality Classroom & Development Laboratory (Brahma Construction Corp.) - \$1,180,300
- RFP 1628: Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services (Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC) - \$600,000
- Lyrasis Library Databases (Lyrasis) - \$526,480
- XR-Drive Simulator (Cruden, BV) - \$560,600 (notification of \$64,000 increase)

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3547

Approval of Updated Montclair State University Vision 2030 Capital Master Plan

Mr. Abrantes moved that the Board approve the Updated 2030 Long-Range Facilities plan.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3548

Approval of Higher Education Capital Facilities Grant Submission

Mr. Abrantes moved that the Board authorize the University to submit a grant application to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for the 2025 cycle of capital funding programs, including following projects:

- Sprague Library HVAC Replacement
- Sprague Library Room Replacement
- Dickson Hall HVAC Replacement
- 12 Austin Improvements
- Bloomfield Campus ADA Upgrades
- Jarvie Hall Improvements
- 5kV Electrical System Upgrades

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3549

REPORTS

Student Representative, Quentin Ocampo, welcomed new, returning and transfer students. Mr. Ocampo highlighted the Red Hawk Day and upcoming Homecoming events. Mr. Ocampo noted students were concerned about tuition costs and encouraged student involvement during the Spring tuition hearings.

Faculty Representative, Professor Mary English, highlighted the Department of Family Science and Human Development, noting various awarded grants, interdisciplinary courses, and research. Professor English also noted that she had received significant feedback from faculty regarding the restructuring of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and encouraged the administration to consider that feedback before finalizing any restructuring decisions.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sluyter moved that Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next Public Session to discuss the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3550

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.


Keith D. Barrack

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University Mission Statement
November 3, 2025

Resolved: The Board of Trustees authorizes the adoption of an updated University Mission Statement and commitments.

Mission

Montclair State University is a public-serving institution, advancing the common good ...

- by broadening access to rigorous education and exceptional learning opportunities for a diverse population, rich in talent, dedication and ambition;
- by challenging and supporting students and employees in an inclusive and respectful environment where learners can grow and flourish as collaborative, compassionate citizen-leaders;
- by advancing research to deepen understanding of our shared challenges and cultivating human creativity to develop innovative solutions; and
- by forming partnerships to enhance prosperity, democracy and well-being in the communities we serve.

Commitments

Provide Access and Excellence

We teach students how to learn by engaging them in the classroom and beyond, through research and hands-on experiences, extracurriculars and public service. We operate efficiently to keep tuition affordable, and we deliver education flexibly to help students balance family, work and school.

Offer Expertise with Humility

We work as true partners with the communities we serve, leveraging the University's knowledge and resources to help them meet their goals while valuing their contributions and learning alongside them as peers.

Embrace Discourse and Fairness

We treat everyone fairly and respectfully, and honor the rights of all humans. We value and encourage respectful discourse, recognizing that the exchange of ideas and the dissemination of new knowledge sustains discovery and is fundamental to democracy.

Innovate with Integrity

We respond flexibly and nimbly to changing circumstances, foster creativity, take intelligent risks and actively seek new approaches while holding each other accountable and using wisely the resources entrusted to us.

Embrace Local and Universal Aspirations

We are a national university that is proud to be of, by and for New Jersey. We serve our state's dynamic, varied communities while also fulfilling our obligations to serve our country, our planet and the enduring truths that bind humanity as one.

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Personnel Actions

November 3, 2025

Resolved: The Board of Trustees approves the following personnel actions:

- 3 - Managerial Appointments
- 22 - Professional Staff Appointments
- 1 - Leave of Absence without Pay
- 5 - Professor Emeriti

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2026)
***Gift Funded, #Grant funded**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Danisha Goodman	Student Accounts	Associate Director of Student Accounts	9/22/25	BS MBA MS EdD	Montclair State University Montclair State University Montclair State University Clark Atlanta University
Laura Ryblewski	College of Communication and Media	Assistant Dean for Student Success	9/22/25	BA MA EdD	Montclair State University Montclair State University Drexel University
John Yi	Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Success and Innovation	Director, Teaching and Learning	10/20/25	BA MA	Brooklyn College Brooklyn College

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2026)
***Gift Funded, #Grant funded**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Thomas Barbara	CCHL/Career Services	Career and Internship Advisor	10/6/25	BA BA MA	Ramapo College of New Jersey Ramapo College of New Jersey Ramapo College of New Jersey
Haylee Berry	Associate Director of Graduate Admissions Operations Recruitment	Assistant Director of Graduate Recruitment	10/13/25	BA	Montclair State University
Zachary Briewell	CART/Theatre and Dance	Lighting Technician	10/6/25	BFA	Rutgers University
Amanda Caswell	CART/Theatre and Dance	First-Hand/Draper	9/22/25	BFA	Boston University
Amara Copeland	CART/Theatre and Dance	First-Hand/Stitcher	9/22/25	BA MFA	Temple University Louisiana State University
Steven Filippi	Instructional Technology	Multimedia Specialist	9/22/25	BA	Ramapo College
Hiba Hajyasin	Classification and Compensation	Classification and Compensation Analyst	9/20/25	BA MA	Birziet University Birziet University
Emily Jerves	Office of Graduate Admissions/Recruitment	Assistant Director of Graduate Recruitment	10/6/25	BS MS	University of Wisconsin Radford University
Shaheedah Johnson	CCHL/Career Services	Career and Internship Advisor	10/20/25	BA MA	Montclair State University Simmons University

Cyndi Kumor	CART/Theatre and Dance	Production Business Associate	9/22/25	BFA MA	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Kaya Maciak	College of Communication and Media	Digital Media and Communications Specialist	10/6/25	BA	Montclair State University
Alexandra McGinley	Research Compliance and Regulatory Programs	Research Compliance Coordinator	10/13/25	BA MA	Rutgers University Montclair State University
Alison Merrick	CART/Theatre and Dance	Properties Supervisor	9/8/25	BFA	Otterbein University
Jessica Moore Bernatchy	Strategic Sourcing	Strategic Sourcing Specialist	10/6/25	BS	Granite State College
Osman Morales	CART/Theatre and Dance	Lighting Supervisor	9/8/25	BA	Ramapo College of New Jersey
Nikhil Patel	Classification and Compensation	Classification and Compensation Analyst	10/6/25	BA	Rutgers University
Chris Ponce	Enrollment Management	Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment Management	9/22/25	BA	Montclair State University
Alan Prieto	College of Communication and Media	Special Assistant to the Dean	10/6/25	BA	Montclair State University
Betsey Rugg-Hinds	CART/Theatre and Dance	Assistant Costume Shop Supervisor/Draper	9/22/25	BA MFA	Keene State College Brooklyn College
Fabio Sadiku	SDCL/Conference Services	Conference Center Coordinator	9/22/25	BS	Rutgers University

Jose Segovia	BC_Creative Arts and Technology	CAT Technical Operations Manager	9/22/25	BS	Montclair State University
Emma Solomon	CART/Theatre and Dance	Sound and Projections Supervisor	11/3/25	BA	Vassar College

Leave of Absence Without Pay

Name	Department	Term of Leave
Wing Shan Ho	World Languages and Cultures	November 28, 2025 – January 15, 2026

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution to Grant Professor and Provost Emeritus Status to

PROFESSOR WILLARD GINGERICH

- Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emeritus status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and
- Whereas: Professor Willard Gingerich has retired from Montclair State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of English; and
- Whereas: Professor Gingerich served the University for seventeen years; and
- Whereas: He served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs from 2008 to 2021, presiding over the creation of the School of Nursing, the School of Communication and Media, and University College, the hiring of hundreds of new faculty and professional staff, two successful Middle States accreditation reviews, and an expansion of the University's research capacity which led to Montclair's designation as a Public Doctoral Research University, Carnegie R2 University, and Hispanic-Serving Institution; and
- Whereas: His research has been foundational to recognizing pre-Hispanic and colonial Nahuatl poetry; he published many works on Nahuatl Poetry and dozens of other essays that have both helped to establish early American texts as sites of complex poetic and philosophical expression, and provided scholars with essential resources for studying them; and
- Whereas: He joined the faculty of the Department of English after the end of his tenure as Provost, sharing his expertise in the fields of Native American studies, translation studies, comparative poetics, and American literature with students across all levels of the program.
- Now, therefore, be it
- Resolved: That Willard Gingerich be designated Professor and Provost Emeritus of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Resolution to Grant Emerita Status to

PROFESSOR SANDRA Y. LEWIS

- Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emerita status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and
- Whereas: Professor Sandra Y. Lewis has retired from Montclair State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Psychology; and
- Whereas: Professor Lewis served the University for twenty-eight years; and
- Whereas: Professor Lewis served as Corresponding Secretary of the University Senate, member of the Department Personnel Committee, several graduate committees, President's Commission on Affirmative Action, and Director of the African American Studies Program; and
- Whereas: She contributed greatly to her profession, including as secretary of the American Psychological Association Division 27, conference co-director for the Society for Community Research and Action, senior faculty for the APA's Public Interest Directorate, the HIV Office of Psychology Education focused on mental health care of people affected by HIV. She served on the APA UN NGO Children's Rights Task Force on HIV, and on New Jersey's Amistad Commission; and
- Whereas: She authored grants on HIV infection prevention, healthcare provider well-being, and HIV stigma reduction. She wrote numerous articles and book chapters addressing psychosocial and culturally competent care of families affected by HIV and African social and philosophical principles that support gender equity and offer strategies to reduce the impact of stereotyped images on Black women; and received awards for mental health service from Rutgers University, Spelman College, and the APA Minority Fellowship Program.

Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved: That Sandra Y. Lewis be designated Professor Emerita of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Resolution to Grant Emerita Status to

PROFESSOR LOIS OPPENHEIM

- Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emerita status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and
- Whereas: Professor Lois Oppenheim has retired from Montclair State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of World Languages and Cultures; and
- Whereas: Professor Oppenheim served the University for thirty-seven years; and
- Whereas: She served as Chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures, expanding the department to nine languages and creating several new majors; was an affiliated faculty member in Psychology and Medical Humanities; led the French program to recognition as an Exemplary Department with Honors by the American Association of Teachers of French; served as Faculty Senator; created the summer exchange program with Nice, France; and was named a University Distinguished Scholar; and
- Whereas: She has published fifteen books and dozens of articles and chapters on topics as wide-ranging as phenomenology and neuropsychanalysis; she was nominated for the 2019 Best Book Gradiva Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis and received the Courage to Dream Prize by the American Psychoanalytic Association; she was on the Faculty of the New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and served on the Board of Directors of the Philoctetes Center for the Multidisciplinary Study of Imagination, and on the Executive Board and as President of the Samuel Beckett Society. She also co-created documentary films, among many other accomplishments.

Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved: That Lois Oppenheim be designated Professor Emerita of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to

PROFESSOR ART SIMON

- Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emeritus status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and
- Whereas: Professor Art Simon has retired from Montclair State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of English; and
- Whereas: Professor Simon served the University for thirty-two years; and
- Whereas: He served as Coordinator of the Film Minor and the Film Studies Program, Graduate Program Coordinator, and created “Theoretical Approaches to Literature,” which remains a required course in the English MA program. He inspired thousands of undergraduates to study films closely and understand film history through his charismatic teaching, and he mentored many English MA students teaching assistants in the Film Studies Program; and
- Whereas: He published *Dangerous Knowledge: The JFK Assassination in Art and Film*; he co-edited the prestigious four-volume *The Wiley-Blackwell History of American Film* and the accompanying two-volume *American Film History: Selected Readings*; he testified before the Assassination Records Review Board in 1997 and curated two programs on American Social Comedy and The Motorcycle on Screen at the Guggenheim Museum; and
- Whereas: He published widely on Jewish American cultural history, being the first to write detailed studies of how Jewish advocacy organizations used film and television to fight antisemitism, and wrote an essay on *The House I Live In* for the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress, as well as many reviews of important books on the subject.

Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved: That Art Simon be designated Professor Emeritus of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to

PROFESSOR LONGXING WEI

- Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emeritus status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and
- Whereas: Professor Longxing Wei has retired from Montclair State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Linguistics; and
- Whereas: Professor Wei served the University for twenty-eight years; and
- Whereas: He served the University with distinction and guided students as Graduate Program Advisor and as Coordinator of the Teaching English as a Second Language program for many years, shaping the preparation of language teachers who now serve in schools and universities across New Jersey and beyond; and through his teaching, mentorship, and scholarship, he has inspired generations of Montclair students, advancing their growth as educators, researchers, and professionals; and
- Whereas: He published extensively, including books and articles that have brought national and international recognition to Montclair State University in the fields of second language acquisition, bilingualism, codeswitching, and interlanguage studies; and he has strengthened the reputation of the University as a center for excellence in linguistics through his leadership, service, and dedication to student success.

Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved: That Longxing Wei be designated Professor Emeritus of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FY26 Contract Award Authorization
Infrastructure and Operations Committee

November 3, 2025

Resolved: The Board of Trustees authorizes the following contract awards:

- Credit Card Programs (Bank of America)

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion to Enter Closed Session

November 3, 2025

Be it hereby moved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next publicly noticed meeting to discuss the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.

The minutes of the discussion of matters conducted in Closed Session shall be made available to the public when confidentiality is no longer permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.