

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 33**

SUBJECT: Tenure Approval for Dr. Jillian Wendt, College of Arts & Sciences

WHEREAS, Dr. Jillian Wendt, Associate Professor of Education in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) of the University of the District of Columbia (University) has petitioned the University to be granted tenure in the department in which she is qualified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §1462, Dr. April Massey, Dean of CAS, in conjunction with the Education Faculty and Division and College Promotion and Tenure Committees, has conducted a thorough review of Professor Wendt's academic background and records of achievement in teaching, scholarship, grantsmanship, and university and community service and have recommended her for promotion from Assistant Professor to the rank of Associate Professor, effective October 1, 2019 and for tenure; and

WHEREAS, they judged Dr. Wendt to be an outstanding professor with exemplary skills and expertise who meets the criteria by which University of the District of Columbia faculty are evaluated, based on the 7th Master Agreement, noting she was ranked outstanding in her teaching effectiveness, scholarly works, extramural activity, professional credentials, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Academic Officer and the President have affirmed the recommendation of tenure for Professor Wendt from Dean Massey, the Education Faculty and the Division and College Promotion and Tenure Committees, and the President has forwarded the recommendation for tenure to the Board of Trustees.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the award of tenure to Dr. Jillian Wendt in the College of Arts and Sciences, at the rank of Associate Professor.

Submitted by the Academic &
Student Affairs Committee:

August 15, 2019

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

September 10, 2019



Christopher Bell
Chairperson of the Board

UNIVERSITY OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Lawrence T. Potter, Jr., Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.
President

FROM:



Lawrence T. Potter, Jr., Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer

DATE: June 1, 2019

RE: Dr. Jillian Wendt recommendation for tenure and promotion to associate professor

Dear President Mason:

Guided by the *Seventh Master Agreement*, I have reviewed the materials and other supporting documentation of Dr. Wendt for tenure and promotion to associate professor—an applicant holding the rank of tenure-track assistant professor of science education in the College of Arts and Sciences. *It should be noted that Dr. Wendt was awarded two years of credit towards tenure at the time of hire in fall 2015. Therefore, this recommendation meets all university policies.*

I have reviewed Dr. Wendt's portfolio for tenure and promotion to associate professor to evaluate evidence of significant and relevant achievements in scholarship/creative work, teaching, and service. In addition, I reviewed the self-narrative to ensure there is alignment between the established standards and evidence provided within the portfolio. I arrived at my independent assessment of Dr. Wendt's work after careful consideration of her narrative, record of teaching, scholarly artifacts, service contributions, and students' evaluation of her teaching.

In the domain of teaching, I have concluded that her teaching evaluations, teaching materials, and other assessments show work that meets unit standards for tenure and promotion to associate professor. Dr. Wendt utilizes both face-to-face and online instruction to better prepare her students for the demands of teaching in the 21st century. Her courses are designed to meet the most recent Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) science standards, and well as the expectations of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Dr. Wendt sets a high standard for teaching in her classes, and students often comment on how effective she is as a teacher. Her teaching philosophy is

clear: "learning occurs at the intersection of accessibility, facilitation, eagerness, and engagement". She has demonstrated she is able to achieve this by analyzing student feedback, student artifacts, challenges, and disconnects, to modify instruction and opportunities to best assist students in reaching their goals.

Dr. Wendt exceeds unit standards for tenure and promotion to associate professor. In her short tenure as an assistant professor, Dr. Wendt has garnered National Science Foundation HBCU-UP awards totaling \$286,128.00. Equally impressive is Dr. Wendt's publication record: She has authored or co-authored 16 peer-reviewed research publications of which 11 are already published, three book chapters and has delivered 33 presentations at state, national, and international conferences. I note that two of her conference presentations were invited, which speaks to her recognition as an emerging science education scholar. With her peer-reviewed publications and ability to go after and secure extramural funding from federal agencies, Dr. Wendt is establishing herself as a reputable teacher-scholar whose work has the potential to establish her as a national leader in science education.

Dr. Wendt's service meets unit standards for tenure and promotion to associate professor in terms of her contributions to the University, CAS, and the department. Currently, she serves as Graduate Council representative, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society Chapter counselor, and is a member of the OSSE Science Leadership Team.

Lastly, I concur with the recommendations of Dean Massey, DEHS Burtin, and the CAS DEPC review committee. I hereby approve of this action and submit her application information for your consideration. I am pleased to provide you with her full portfolio upon request.

Enclosure: Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor Recommendation for Dr. Jillian Wendt

I, Ronald Mason, Jr., President of UDC, do hereby APPROVE DENY the recommended award of tenure and promotion for Associate Professor to Jillian Wendt.


Signature

7.8.19
Date

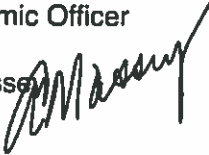
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May 15, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Lawrence Potter
Chief Academic Officer

FROM: Dr. April Masse
Dean



SUBJECT: Request for tenure and promotion in rank (Tenured, Associate Professor of Education) on behalf of Dr. Jillian Wendt

This memorandum is forwarded to affirm and support the recommendations of Education program faculty; the Division of Education, Health, and Social Work Evaluation and Promotion Committee; Division of Education, Health, and Social Work chair, Dr. Anika Burtin; and the College of Arts and Sciences' Promotion and Tenure Committee regarding the awarding of associate professor status with tenure to Dr. Dr. Jillian Wendt, Assistant Professor of Education/ Science Education. I am honored to lend my voice to support these recommendations and wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Wendt's approval for both considerations.

Guided by the 7th Master Agreement, Dr. Wendt's faculty dossier was evaluated across four levels of review on Portfolio Presentation, Strengths in Academic Teaching Preparation, Strengths in Scholarly and Professional Work, and Strengths in University and Community Service. The feedback of all reviewers is unanimous. Dr. Wendt is a committed and skilled science education researcher and scaffold builder, a gifted teacher, a model for bridging disciplinary expertise and community service, and an increasingly recognized expert on STEM diversity and construction of contexts for supporting women and women of color interested in science, science education, and other STEM fields. Dr. Wendt has built a national network of support for her research and has developed important partnerships across the HBCU community. Her extramural portfolio is expanding rapidly. She's received two National Science Foundation awards totaling \$600,000+ in just two years. Her record of publication is also impressive.

I am excited to recommend Dr. Jillian Wendt for promotion and tenure. Her research activities are helping to rethink approaches to the recruitment and preparation of science teachers and the education and support of minority women with broad and narrow interest in STEM. She is building toward a national model of STEM mentoring and pipeline development. Her grant success, publication and presentation records, and growing list of invited talks validate the relevance of her work and growing influence.

I forward this recommendation for approval of Dr. Wendt's applications for tenure and promotion to associate professor without reservation.

I am available to respond to any questions you may have. Your consideration is appreciated.



Fiscal Impact Statement

TO: The Board of Trustees

FROM: Managing Director of Finance *David A. Franklin*

DATE: September 10, 2019

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Conclusion

It is concluded that there is no fiscal impact associated with the granting of tenure to Professor Jillian Wendt, Associate Professor of Education, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The proposed resolution is for the approval of tenure for Dr. Wendt.

It has been recommended in the Board Resolution that Professor Wendt, who joined the University as an Assistant Professor of Education in 2015, be approved for tenure. The College Promotion and Tenure Committee, Division Chair for Education, Health, and Social Work, and Departmental Evaluation and Promotion Committee (DEPC) conducted thorough, independent reviews, and prepared independent reports to the Dean of CAS regarding tenure for Professor Wendt.

Background

The DEPC conducted a review of Professor Wendt's tenure application in concert with her application for promotion to associate professor. Examinations of her performance in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service, were completed for the period 2015 – 2018. Vetting of all dossier content was completed at the levels of the program, Division, and College. All reviews validate the strengths of Professor Wendt's tenure and promotion dossier and conclude that she is an exceptional teacher-researcher and highly competitive tenure candidate. Her documented faculty performance exceeds University and broader higher education expectations for excellence and impact in science-education teacher preparation and practice.

The recommendation of tenure for Professor Wendt has been affirmed by the Dean, Chief Academic Officer, and President. The President has forwarded the recommendation for tenure to the Board of Trustees.

Financial Impact

This request is approved based upon the information provided. There are no anticipated risks at this time.