



## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF Dr. Elizabeth Ogunsola**

*Approved by ASA on 11/9/2022*

Doctor of Education, Illinois State University, 1987  
Certificate of Advanced Study, Illinois State University, 1984  
Master of Science in Education, Illinois State University, 1976  
Bachelor of Science, Southern Illinois University, 1971

WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth Ogunsola has faithfully served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 26.5 years, and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as the Assistant to the Chancellor for Affirmative Action & Diversity, (2006-2016); Executive Director for the Office of Pre-College Programs, Academic Support Services, (1997-2006); and Director of Student Retention Services, Academic Support Services, (1989-1997); and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as a member of the Chancellor Administrative Cabinet, 2006-2016; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as the campus Affirmative Action Officer to investigate complaints of discrimination in areas such as race, sex, age, religious creed, ancestry, color, disabilities and sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola promoted campus diversity and inclusive excellence through various campus initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as the campus Title IX Coordinator to oversee Title IX complaints and to coordinate campus training regarding Title IX compliance for faculty, staff, and students; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola promoted the best practices in the search for excellence and diversity in the search & screen process in order to enhance the faculty/staff hiring process; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola chaired the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Diversity (AA/EO/Diversity) Committee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served on the Academic Staff Assembly (ASA) from 2008 to 2015 as an active participant in the bi-weekly ASA meetings and served on the Academic Staff Review Committee and Rewards & Recognition Programs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served on the following campus-wide committees: Chancellor's Committee on Inclusive Excellence (co-chair), Recruitment & Retention of Diverse Faculty/Staff Taskforce (chair), Inclusive Excellence Fellowship Program (coordinator) and Campus Climate Committee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served on the Strategic Planning & Budget Committee (SPBC), Equity Scorecard Committee, and Multicultural Networking Committee (chair); and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola was an active member on the Gender Equity Task Force, Women Issues Committee, Universal Design Committee, Chancellor’s Committee on Disability Concerns, and the Chancellor’s LGBT Task Force Committee; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola planned, designed, implemented retention and pre-college programming for students participating in the Federal TRIO Programs and other academic support services, and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola is an advocate for students, served as an advisor for two student organizations, role model, and mentor to students; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola coordinated the campus effort for nominations for the annual Board of Regents Diversity Awards, Women of Color in Education Awards, P.B. Poorman Awards for Outstanding Achievement, and the State Council on Affirmative Action Diversity Awards; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as Co-Instructor for ten Faculty-Led Travel/Study courses and traveled with students to Ghana, South Africa, Mexico, Jamaica and Puerto Rico from 1998-2015 in collaboration with the Center for Global Education; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola served as President-Elect, President, Past-President (1993-1996) for the Wisconsin Association Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (WAEOPP); and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Ogunsola demonstrated professional commitment, dedication and loyalty to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Academic Staff Assembly acknowledges Dr. Elizabeth Ogunsola, 26.5 years of distinguished service with appreciation and gratitude; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly recommends emeritus status for our honored colleague and extends to Elizabeth Ogunsola our best wishes for a long, fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

**Resolution Tracking:**

Resolution originally drafted in 2016. Pending status from 2016 to 2022 due to pause in ASA emeriti designation.

Resolution submitted by Kenny Yarbrough on 10/26/2022 to Academic Staff Assembly for consideration.

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| <b>Action Date</b> | 11/9/2022         |  |  |  |
| <b>Action</b>      | Approved          |  |  |  |
| <b>Vote Detail</b> | Unanimous Consent |  |  |  |