ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

1. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Curzan, Anne, dean, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, professor of English language and literature, with tenure, professor of linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of education, without tenure, School of Education).

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

2. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Dutta, Debasish, chancellor, University of Michigan-Flint, effective August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Anne Curzan

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Geneva Smitherman
Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature,
Associate Dean for Humanities, Professor of English
Language and Literature, with tenure, Professor of
Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science,
and the Arts, and Professor of Education, without tenure,
School of Education

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Dean, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Geneva Smitherman
Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature,
Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure,
Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of
Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of
Education, without tenure, School of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Anne Curzan as dean, College of Literature,
Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2019 through June
30, 2024. This recommendation follows a national search conducted by a search advisory
committee.

Anne Curzan received a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and honors in
linguistics from Yale University in 1991. In 1995, she earned a master’s degree in English,
language and literature, followed by a Ph.D. in 1998, both from the University of Michigan. She
taught at the University of Washington in Seattle for four years before returning to the University
of Michigan in 2002 as an assistant professor in the Department of English Language and
Literature. She rose through the ranks to full professor in 2012. She also holds courtesy
appointments in the Department of Linguistics and the School of Education.

Professor Curzan brings extensive administrative experience acquired through a variety of
positions held at the University of Michigan. She served as director of the English Department
Writing Program from 2004-2012, which employs over 120 instructors and teaches over 6000
students per year. She also served as the Department of English Language and Literature
director of undergraduate studies from 2004-2007, and later as a co-director of the Joint Ph.D.
Program in English and Education from 2010-2015. In 2012, Professor Curzan was appointed to
serve as the university’s faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic
Association through 2016. In this role, she advised the president and the provost on matters of
athletics and academics, and represented the university and its faculty to the NCAA and the Big

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Ten Conference. She has served as the associate dean for the humanities in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts since in 2015, working with twenty humanities chairs and directors, and supporting the new Digital Studies Institute and the LSA Opportunity Hub. Professor Curzan’s commitment to faculty, staff, and students through her strategic support within LSA includes co-chairing a task force on future directions for the Comprehensive Studies Program, and teaching in the Summer Bridge Scholars Program in 2014. Professor Curzan recently co-chaired a provost’s Task Force on a Michigan Undergraduate Education in the Third Century.

In addition to being an experienced administrator and teacher, Professor Curzan is a published author of books on language, including How English Works: A Linguistic Introduction, 3rd ed. published in 2012, and Fixing English: Prescriptivism and Language History, published in 2014, as well as on teaching, including First Day to Final Grade: A Graduate Student’s Guide to Teaching, 3rd ed. in 2011. She has also created three audio-video courses for The Great Courses, including English Grammar Boot Camp. Professor Curzan’s public engagement includes her position as a co-host of That’s What They Say on Michigan Public Radio (NPR Affiliate), and as a biweekly blogger for six years for Lingua Franca, The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Professor Curzan is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences and workshops throughout the country, and has received multiple awards while at the University of Michigan. These include the Henry Russell Award for 2007, the Faculty Recognition Award in 2009, the 2012 John Dewey Award, and the Linguistic Society of America’s Linguistics, Language, and the Public Award in 2016.

As an academic leader, she is familiar with the complexities and the challenges of this position, and has demonstrated an impressive ability to combine vision and action effectively. Her commitment to learning, diversity, and excellence will make her an outstanding dean. I am pleased to recommend her appointment, effective September 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin A. Philbert
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Action Request: Academic Administrative Appointment

Name: Debasish Dutta

Recommended Title: Chancellor, University of Michigan-Flint

Effective Dates: August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Debasish Dutta as chancellor, University of Michigan-Flint effective August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. As chancellor, Mr. Dutta will serve as the chief executive officer for the Flint campus and will also serve as an executive officer of the University of Michigan.

Mr. Dutta is a Distinguished Professor of Engineering and the former chancellor at Rutgers University–New Brunswick, a newly created post that he held from 2017-2018. He was previously the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity at Purdue University from 2014-2017. Prior to that, Mr. Dutta served as associate provost and dean of the graduate college at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2009 to 2014, where he was also Edward William and Jane Marr Gutgsell Professor and interim vice-chancellor for research. Mr. Dutta began his career at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of mechanical engineering in 1989 and moved through the ranks to professor in 2000.

As chancellor of Rutgers’ flagship, land-grant campus, Mr. Dutta led a public research university with $1.6 billion annual budget. He oversaw a significant growth in research funding and worked effectively with legislators, business leaders and alumni to create institutional momentum around academic excellence, student success and affordability. As Purdue’s chief academic officer, Mr. Dutta had direct responsibility for all academic and faculty affairs across all campuses. At the West Lafayette campus, Mr. Dutta helped increase graduation rates, enhanced student advising, established innovative programs and increased faculty size. He provided leadership for the implementation of the Board approved restructuring of Purdue’s regional campuses. While at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Mr. Dutta helped strengthen doctoral education and established new interdisciplinary programs to foster campus-wide research collaborations. At Michigan, he was the director of the College of Engineering’s Program in Manufacturing and the founding director of its Interdisciplinary Professional Programs.

Mr. Dutta holds a Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Purdue, a master’s degree in engineering management from the University of Evansville, and a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Jadavpur University in Calcutta, India. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and has served as a scholar-in-residence at the National Academy of Engineering.
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Debasish Dutta as chancellor, University of Michigan-Flint, effective August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Schlissel
President

June 2019