

## RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

### Recommendation

President M. Roy Wilson and Provost Mark Kornbluh recommend the appointment of Dr. Denise M. Taliaferro Baszile as Dean of the College of Education. This appointment is for a five-year term. The appointment is effective July 1, 2023.

### Background

Dr. Denise M. Taliaferro Baszile is an experienced academic leader and a widely respected educational researcher. She currently serves as Associate Dean of Diversity and Student Experience in the College of Education, Health, and Society at Miami University, and served as interim Dean of that College in the past. She has a strong record of academic leadership, a worldview centered on diversity, equity and inclusion, deep experience in community engagement, especially with K12 schools, and is an award-winning teacher. On a personal note, Dr. Taliaferro grew up in Detroit, is deeply knowledgeable about our city and region, and is committed to Wayne State's mission and values.

Dr. Taliaferro is currently a Professor in Curriculum & Cultural Studies in the Department of Educational Leadership at Miami University. Her scholarship lies at the intersections of curriculum theory, Black feminist theory and critical race theory, as she seeks to speak to the struggles of power, knowledge, and difference. She has a strong record of publication and has been actively engaged professionally in the American Educational Studies Association (President), the American Educational Research Association (Vice President-Curriculum Studies), the Journal of Curriculum Theorizing (Asst. Editor and Co-conference Coordinator), Critical Race Studies in Education Association (Communications Director), and Education Deans of Justice & Equity (Co-Chair).

As Dean, Dr. Taliaferro will bring visionary and compassionate leadership to the College of Education. She is committed to bringing the College together and to work with faculty and staff to build upon its historic role in education in the city and the region. She is a collaborative leader who will partner across campus, and will work with colleagues both within and outside the College to deepen ties to K12 education, and further strengthen the curriculum that the College offers at Wayne. Dr. Taliaferro is poised to take on the responsibility of leading the College of Education. She has our full confidence, and that of the College of Education faculty, staff, and students.