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**August 26, 2019**

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James T. (Tom) Brown	Dean of Students Emeritus
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## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for nearly 35 years, A. J. (Jack) Davis faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the School of Architecture + Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS); and

**WHEREAS**, he educated thousands of now professional architects and designers, teaching across the curriculum and serving as chair of the professional program from 1993- 2000, promoted to professor in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, he took a sabbatical to practice in Basel, Switzerland with Suter and Suter, working in their international department, developing housing, university and banking projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in his practice he has been the principal designer on over 30 significant projects and has won design excellence awards, co-led the annual International Architecture + Design education abroad professional seminar for 20 years, facilitated and co-lead two education abroad programs to Belize and to the Dominican Republic through the Myers-Lawson School of Construction and the School of Architecture + Design for faculty, students and alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed the Reynolds Metals Professor of Architecture in 1999, was principal or co-principal investigator in over \$2.5M in funded research, and is a nationally recognized accredited professional in the national Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); and

**WHEREAS**, he served as associate dean for academic affairs in the CAUS from 2001 to 2007, interim dean from 2006 to 2007, and dean from 2007 to 2017. During his tenure as dean the national ranking of the architecture program rose to number one and stayed in the top-five, and the endowment for the college doubled; and

**WHEREAS**, he organized the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CAUS, celebrated in 2014 with five publications acknowledging the contributions to innovation, engagement, pedagogy and research, a historical retrospective film on the founding of the college, several alumni presentations, culminating in a gala event; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named a fellow of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1999 and in 2014, he served as president of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects for their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, he organized and led the Virginia Accord Symposium focused on the next 100 years of Virginia's built environment, and in 2017 was awarded AIA VA's highest honor, the William C. Noland Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, he was selected by as one of the nation's most admired educators of 2009 and 2014 and is a design futures senior fellow, and is the founding president of the Architecture + Construction Alliance (A+CA), a 19-university consortium. In addition, he served as an international board member and former vice president of the Conseil International du Bâtiment; and

**WHEREAS**, he was awarded in 2017 the CAUS Career Achievement Award, the School of Architecture + Design *Ut Prosim* Exemplary Service Award; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor A. J. 'Jack' Davis, FAIA for his distinguished service to the university with the title, Dean Emeritus and Reynolds Metals Professor Emeritus of Architecture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor A. J. (Jack) Davis for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 33 years, Patrick A. Miller, FASLA, FCELA, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Landscape Architecture, later the Landscape Architecture Program, in the School of Architecture + Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS); and

**WHEREAS**, for over 42 years, he has worked to create more supportive places for humans and to advance the profession of landscape architecture. He has been an exemplary educator of students, professionals and other educators, developed programs, curricula and coursework at graduate and undergraduate levels in the United States, Canada, China and the Middle-East, and provided invited counsel on the development of Ph.D. programs focused on landscape architecture at Kansas State University, North Carolina State University and the University of Georgia. In 2005, he was named Honorary Head, Landscape Architecture Department, Tongji University in Shanghai, China; and

**WHEREAS**, as associate dean for graduate studies and outreach in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies from 2006 to 2018, he advanced the rigor and impact of the School of Architecture + Design's Ph.D. program and is largely responsible for the international reputation the School of Architecture + Design's Ph.D. track in landscape architecture; and

**WHEREAS**, he has mentored 26 Ph.D. students while at Virginia Tech, serving as the major professor for 19, many of whom are now teaching at universities in the United States and leading landscape architecture programs around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as head of the Department of Landscape Architecture for 13 years, where he worked with his faculty to guide the department through significant growth in both enrollment and facilities; from four full-time faculty to nine, from 34 students to 140 and through the establishment of the landscape architecture program at two campuses, in Blacksburg and in Northern Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he assisted in developing the U.S. Department of Education grant proposal that established the Community Design Assistance Center (CDAC), now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of providing design services to communities throughout Appalachia while providing valuable economic support and internship experience for students; and

**WHEREAS**, he has lectured nationally and internationally on landscape architecture topics and professional education, most recently in China, Australia, Malaysia, and the Middle East. Through his writing, teaching, and practice he has been a tireless advocate of creating landscapes that are good for people, the environment and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, he has maintained an active research and publication record, often mentoring students and colleagues to advance collaborative research and project; and garnered over nine research grants since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, as president of the ASLA in 2005, he helped bring the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to the attention of American and international landscape architects. As a member of the ASLA Licensure Committee in Virginia, he provided testimony regarding the educational preparation of landscape architects at hearings held on upgrading licensure in Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he was named a fellow of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) in the inaugural class of fellows in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, as an officer of CELA, he supported the establishment of Sigma Lambda Alpha, the national landscape architecture honor society; and

**WHEREAS**, he was awarded the CAUS Career Achievement Award in 2019, the Jot D. Carpenter Medal for Teaching Excellence, ASLA's highest award for teaching, in 2018, and CELA's Outstanding Educator Award in 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Patrick A. Miller, FASLA, FCELA for his distinguished service to the university with the title, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Patrick A. Miller for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 35 years, Humberto Rodriguez-Camilloni faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the School of Architecture + Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS); and

**WHEREAS**, he educated thousands of architecture students, teaching the primary history of architecture course and across his career offering many advanced courses and seminars including “Classical Traditions,” “Pre-Columbian Architecture,” and “Buildings and Writings”; and

**WHEREAS**, he is highly recognized historian and scholar of South American Pre-Columbian architecture, including Religios Architecture in Lima of the Seventeenth and Eighteen Centuries; and continuing work across many years as contributing editor on pre-Columbian and Spanish colonial art and architecture for the “Handbook of Latin American Studies”, published biannually by the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, he led numerous travel study programs to Peru, including the UNESCO World Heritage site at Manchu Picchu with students and as a continuing education course for American Institute of Architect members; and

**WHEREAS**, he served with distinction as director of the Henry H. Wiss Center for Theory and History of Art and Architecture organizing monthly academic meetings and exhibitions, that focused discussions in art and architectural history and theory through meetings and presentations for the university community; and

**WHEREAS**, in his courses on Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Kahn, he not only taught about these architects but conducted experiential travel trips to iconic buildings, including visits to private houses with unique access provided from his establishment of strong relationships with the owners; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, he was recognized by the president of the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) for his forty years of membership and service to the society through his multiple years of organizing and acting as a conference session discussant at the SAH national meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, he has over 25 years acted as director of restoration projects in Latin America working with UNESCO and the Organization of American States, and on campus as director of the Center for Preservation and Rehabilitation Technology he was the driving force in the restoration of Solitude on Virginia Tech’s campus; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Humberto Rodriguez-Camilloni for his distinguished service to the university with the title, Professor Emeritus of Architecture.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Humberto Rodriguez-Camilloni for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1974 and continuing for 44 years, Donald J. Shoemaker faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the field of criminology with a specialization in the causes, consequences, and societal reaction to juvenile delinquency; and

**WHEREAS**, he published five books and numerous articles, chapters, and research reports; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as Fulbright Senior Research Scholar to the University of the Philippines, where he conducted cross-national research on juvenile delinquency; and

**WHEREAS**, he successfully taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he mentored and advised many undergraduate and graduate students and was honored with the Department of Sociology Teaching Excellence Award and was the recipient of a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Leadership of Service-Learning Students; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as President of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of professional service to the program, department, college, university, and profession;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Donald J. Shoemaker, Ph.D. for his service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Sociology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Donald J. Shoemaker for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 46 years, Dr. Neil Larry Shumsky faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, as a noted expert in American urban, immigration, and social history, he made significant scholarly contributions, including authoring, editing, or co-editing seven books, authoring more than 30 peer viewed articles and book chapters, and presenting his research at numerous regional, national, and international conferences; and

**WHEREAS**, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach and undertake research at the University of Graz, Austria, and served as a visiting lecturer at the Université de Provence in France; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication and skill, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses across the history curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning, and co-authored a major American history textbook and co-edited a two-volume course reader; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on master's theses and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers, and also served as the Department of History's director of graduate studies for many years, where he advised all incoming M.A. students; and

**WHEREAS**, he was co-PI for several major external grants from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education, including grants that provided funding for an innovative and successful Summer Minorities Program that the Department of History hosted for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, including serving as vice president and president of faculty senate; and

**WHEREAS**, he was quite active in professional activities, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Urban History Association, as book review editor for H-Urban, as a member of the AHA-OHA Joint Committee on the Status of History, and as a regular reviewer of manuscripts for publishers and grant proposals for funding agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Neil Larry Shumsky, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of History.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Neil Larry Shumsky for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019



## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 42 years, James Sochinski, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Division of Performing Arts, the Department of Music, and the School of Performing Arts | Music | Theatre | Cinema in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to music at Virginia Tech as a composer whose works, notably the *Legend of Alcobalca* and *Sweet Land of Liberty*, have entered the standard repertoire and been performed across the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably performed for 33 years as the bass trombonist with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra; and

**WHEREAS**, he established a national and international authority on the use of technology in the music classroom, presenting this work at the College Band Directors National Association National Conference, Music Educators National Conference, National Symposium on Music Instruction Technology, the Virginia Department of Education, and The Appalachia Educational Laboratory; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he developed and taught a wide variety of innovative undergraduate courses, including both History and Analysis of Musical Style and Orchestration, placing strong emphasis on innovative applications of technology, for which he was recognized with the Teaching Excellence Award and the XCaliber Lifetime Achievement Award from the Virginia Tech Center for Innovation in Learning, while producing a legacy of strong student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; and

**WHEREAS**, his arrangements for the Marching Virginians (including the *Hokie-Pokey*) have been heard by millions, both live and via national television and radio broadcasts, and have provided the soundtrack for generations of Hokies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes James Sochinski, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Music.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. James Sochinski for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 32 years, Dr. W. Samuel Easterling faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Charles E. Via, Jr., Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, including a decade of leadership service as head of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his long career he taught thousands of civil engineering students in many areas of structural engineering and also advised nearly 60 graduate students through their M.S. and Ph.D. research work; and

**WHEREAS**, his research efforts and scholarly works have contributed greatly to improvements in many aspects of structural steel design, with specific focus on the areas of composite and cold-formed steel structures; and

**WHEREAS**, his research and scholarly excellence were acknowledged by his receipt of numerous major professional awards, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize, the American Institute of Steel Construction T.R. Higgins Lectureship Award, the ASCE Shortridge Hardesty Award, and the Structural Stability Research Council Lynn S. Beedle Award; and

**WHEREAS**, he truly exemplified the *Ut Prosim* spirit of Virginia Tech through his many years of dedicated service at all levels within the university and its governance structure (including nine years of service within the faculty senate, and serving as senate president for 2004-2005), coupled with a high level of national professional service involvement with societies such as the American Institute for Steel Construction, the American Iron and Steel Institute, and the American Society of Civil Engineers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes W. Samuel Easterling, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Montague-Betts Professor Emeritus of Structural Steel Design.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. W. Samuel Easterling for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 52 years, Walter F. O'Brien, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to mechanical engineering as department head from 1993 to 2004 increasing the national ranking and recognition of the department, leading it to University Exemplary Department status and chairing a multi-university effort to found the National Institute of Aerospace; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored more than 150 contributions to the technical literature and has two patent applications pending; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the college as associate dean for research and graduate studies, helping found the Virginia Consortium of Engineering and Science Universities; and

**WHEREAS**, his work in aerospace propulsion, gas turbines, and turbomachinery has made him an internationally-known researcher with expertise in specialized instrumentation techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided leadership and mentorship to 130 Ph.D. and M.S. students, and countless undergraduate engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been recognized as being the first mechanical engineering professor since the founding of the university to hold a named professorship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Walter F. O'Brien, Ph.D. posthumously for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Walter F. O'Brien posthumously for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 39 years, Douglas M. Patterson, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Finance in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to finance through his work in financial econometrics focusing on time-series analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served his department and the broader campus community as a full professor; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the finance curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Douglas M. Patterson, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Finance.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Douglas M. Patterson for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

**RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 48 years, W. Eugene Seago, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the faculty in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems, and in its predecessor, the Department of Accounting, he was a dedicated teacher of a large number of courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the accounting students undergraduate academic adviser for over ten years, and

**WHEREAS**, he published numerous refereed journal articles in both academic and practice related journals, and refereed proceedings in the accounting and tax area; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on numerous dissertation committees and made numerous presentations at academic meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, he conducted numerous workshops and seminars on personal use of computers in accounting and taxation that were well received by his audience; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous curriculum committees;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes W. Eugene Seago Ph.D. for his service to the university with the title of Curling Professor Emeritus of Accounting and Information Systems.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. W. Eugene Seago for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 40 years, James T. (Tom) Brown faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Division of Student Affairs as well as university extension and the Virginia Tech Alumni Association; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, began his career as an extension agent, working with the 4-H program in Albemarle County before returning to Blacksburg in 1985 to serve in extension administration; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed giving leadership to student programs, alumni chapter support, and class reunion events for the Virginia Tech Alumni Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the Division of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students Office in 1994, ultimately becoming the Dean of Students; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work, he gave leadership to orientation programs, parent programming, sexual assault education, multicultural and international programs, advised student organizations, and represented the division on countless university committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on the Academic Dean's Roundtable, as a liaison to campus ministers, as the chair of the Division of Student Affairs Care Team, and as a member of the university's Threat Assessment Team; and

**WHEREAS**, he demonstrated tenacity and resilience in his compassion to care for and improve the lives of fellow Hokies, particularly in the days, weeks, and years following April 16, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, tenacity and resilience, he was the consummate advocate for students, liaison for families, and partner for faculty and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Division of Student Affairs and across the university through compassion and noteworthy service to faculty, staff, and particularly students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes James T. (Tom) Brown for his distinguished service to the university with the title Dean of Students Emeritus.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending James T. (Tom) Brown for emeritus status be approved.

August 26, 2019