### **SUMMARY**

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# **April 4, 2022**

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Dean Emerita of the Graduate School

Jack W. Finney Professor Emeritus of Psychology and

Vice Provost Emeritus for Faculty Affairs

**WHEREAS**, for over 35 years Charles S. Johnson, Ph.D., served Virginia Tech in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences,; and

**WHEREAS**, as Virginia Tech's research and extension plant pathologist serving Virginia farmers producing tobacco and small fruits, he promoted collaboration among fellow research faculty in Virginia, other U.S. states, and around the world in order to develop integrated disease management strategies that optimize use of host resistance, traditional pesticides, and biocontrol agents to improve the economic and environmental sustainability of crop production; and

WHEREAS, his research clarified our understanding of the biological mechanisms underlying the epidemiology and integrated management of tobacco and small fruit diseases, especially those caused by leaf spot and fruit rot pathogens, oomycetes, and plant-parasitic nematodes, and he and his graduate students authored or co-authored over 400 scholarly publications, including book chapters, refereed journal articles, reviewed research reports and extension bulletins, and conference presentations; and

**WHEREAS,** in his role as a Virginia Tech Extension specialist, his extension programs collaborated with other extension specialists, county extension agents, agribusiness, state and federal agencies, grower organizations, and individual growers in order to evaluate and implement integrated disease management strategies for crop production, particularly for Southside, Southwest, and Tidewater Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he guided four graduate students to the successful completion of a M.S. degree, and four to the completion of the Ph.D. degree in Plant Pathology; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of dedicated service to the scientific community and served on or chaired numerous committees of the Tobacco Workers Conference, the American Phytopathological Society, the Society of Nematologists, and the Cooperation Centre for Scientific Research Relative to Tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, his contributions have been recognized by statewide organizations, commodity groups, colleagues, and professional organizations, including the Tobacco Science Research Conference, the Virginia Farm Bureau, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, the Virginia Tobacco Growers Association, and the Virginia Strawberry Growers Association;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Charles S. Johnson for his service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Charles S. Johnson, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for 34 years, Michael T. Lambur, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension as a faculty member; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia as an extension specialist, professor, and head of Extension Program Development and ultimately as the associate director for Program Development, where he taught countless students, agents, and specialists in the methodology to develop effective Extension programs; and

**WHEREAS**, he was also instrumental in the development and success of the nationwide eXtension Initiative where he served as evaluation and research leader, connecting communities of practice throughout land-grant universities; and

WHEREAS, he initiated a new approach to Extension programming with colleagues at the University of Virginia, Oregon State University, and Iowa State University called Community Learning through Data Driven Discovery, which has the potential of increasing Extension's effectiveness and utility at the local and state level, and development of new partners nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an active member of the community and supported students and agents; and

**WHEREAS**, he received his bachelor of science from Ohio State University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Michael T. Lambur for his distinguished service to the university and the commonwealth with the title of Associate Director Emeritus of Extension.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Michael T. Lambur, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 29 years, Mary Leigh Wolfe, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

**WHEREAS,** with dedication, she taught and lectured in undergraduate and graduate courses; and directed M.S. and Ph.D. students; and

**WHEREAS,** through her work in nonpoint source pollution, the food-energy-water nexus, and engineering education she brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored or co-authored over 30 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and reviews and over 80 papers, reports, and professional meeting presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, while also serving as co-editor, she co-led an international team of authors to publish *Introduction to Biosystems Engineering*, an open textbook representing the first partnership between Virginia Tech Publishing with the international Open Education Network Partnership Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS,** she held leadership positions in professional organizations, including President of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) and President of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET); and

**WHEREAS**, she received many professional honors and awards, including fellow member of ASABE, fellow member of ABET, member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, and recipient of the ASABE Massey-Ferguson Educational Gold Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees including service as department head for seven years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Mary Leigh Wolfe for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of Biological Systems Engineering.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Mary Leigh Wolfe, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for 20 years, Marilyn Casto, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as an historian in the Interior Design Program in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS), and more recently in the renamed School of Visual Arts (SOVA) within CAUS; and

**WHEREAS**, she has produced exemplary scholarship of international importance through an award-winning book, articles, and conference presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, she has made a significant impact on the intellectual development of Virginia Tech students for over a generation, bringing her love and knowledge of the history of interiors and of art to thousands of students in her courses on history in interior design and the art and material culture of the eighteenth through early twentieth century; and

**WHEREAS**, she was an integral contributor to the Material Culture in Public Humanities Master's Degree Program jointly held between the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the College of Architecture and Urban Studies as faculty teaching core courses in historic preservation and material culture topics; and

**WHEREAS,** she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Interior Design Program, the Art History Program, their relative departments, the college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; and

**WHEREAS,** her teaching career began in 1976 and spanned 45 years, or approximately 90 academic semesters, in which she enriched the lives of over 6,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, her scholarship was recognized for its excellence through an Annual Book Award from the Southeast Society of Architectural Historians, a Winterthur Summer Fellowship, a Faculty Excellence Award for Research from Western Kentucky University, and other professional accolades; and

**WHEREAS**, her professional standing was recognized by her alma mater through a prestigious Centennial Laureate Alumni Award, College of Human Sciences, Florida State University; and

**WHEREAS,** she served on numerous Ph.D. and M.A. committees, providing a model of academic integrity, and nurturing the next generation of scholars; and

**WHEREAS,** she promoted diversity in SOVA, CAUS, and the university through her development of global and gender-inclusive courses in oceanic arts, fiber arts, and the Arts and Crafts movement, as well as serving as a member of the Board of Advisors of International Archive of Women in Architecture;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Marilyn Casto for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Art History.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Marilyn Casto, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for nine years, Kevin Concannon, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as the director of the School of Visual Arts (SOVA) in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS); and

**WHEREAS,** as director he provided intellectual, creative, and administrative leadership to the school with 32 full-time faculty, instructors, and staff serving approximately 275 students in art and design majors; and

**WHEREAS**B as director he made significant efforts towards promoting SOVA, its students and faculty at Virginia Tech and beyond, particularly through the efforts aimed at intra-university curricular partnerships including Computer Science/Human Computer Interaction, Communications/Advertising, the Calhoun Honors Discovery Program, and Creativity and Innovation Destination area/Creative Technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, as director he expanded the teaching and research capacity of the school, expanding the number of full-time faculty in the school from 19 to 29 while consistently increasing enrollments and meeting or exceeding all enrollment targets; and

**WHEREAS**, as director he led the school to distinction and growth by overseeing the transition from concentrations within a BFA in Studio Art to separate majors in Studio Art, Creative Technologies, and Graphic Design, a change which dramatically increased the number of undergraduate applications and demand for all BFA disciplines; and

WHEREAS, as director he championed SOVA's capacity to offer a practice-based art experience to the university community by introducing classes for non-majors so that between 2012 and 2020 the number of non-SOVA Virginia Tech students taking non-major studio classes increased from zero to 500, and furthermore, he supported the transition of many SOVA classes to Pathways to General Education and oversaw the introduction of one of the first Pathways minors, The Visual Arts and Society; and

WHEREAS, as a champion of the visual arts he fought tirelessly to ensure that the visual arts were included in university-level discussions, serving as the first chair of what is now the Arts@VT Board, and his leadership in this arena advanced conversations that contributed to the building of the Creativity and Innovation District's Living Learning Community which opened in August 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** as a scholar with a Ph.D. in Modern/Contemporary and African art history, he maintained an active scholarly agenda, focusing on art of the 1960s, particularly the work of Yoko Ono; and

**WHEREAS,** his scholarly publications are widely cited by peers, and a seminal article "Yoko Ono's Cut Piece (1964): From text to performance and back again," in *PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art* (2008, vol. 30, no. 3) has been cited over thirty times, standing as the critical source on the work of Yoko Ono; and

**WHEREAS**, his connections in the contemporary art world, his prior experience as a museum administrator, and his commitment to visiting artists brought unprecedented art and artists to campus through exhibits by artists such as Yoko Ono, Kehinde Wiley, Marilyn Minter, and Laurie Anderson; and

**WHEREAS,** as an instructor of contemporary art history he introduced undergraduate and graduate students to the world of contemporary art, delighting students with first-hand stories of artists, art dealers, and gallerists; and

**WHEREAS**, because of his many professional accomplishments he was awarded the CAUS Career Achievement award in 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Kevin Concannon for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Art History.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Kevin Concannon, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for 24 years Associate Professor Brian Katen has faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Landscape Architecture Program in the School of Architecture + Design (School of A+D) in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, he has established himself as leader in design education and curriculum development through service to the Virginia Tech Landscape Architecture Program as well as the Foundation Program in School of A+D; and

**WHEREAS**, he been recognized by faculty peers and students for excellence in teaching a wide range of design studios and lecture courses at graduate and undergraduate levels across the curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as department chair in the Department of Landscape Architecture from 2007 through 2015, leading the transition from department to program when it joined the School of A+D; and

**WHEREAS,** under his leadership as program chair, the undergraduate program attained number one status and the graduate program number two status in the Design Intelligence Rankings; and

**WHEREAS,** he has provided significant expertise in documenting Virginia's African-American landscapes and landscapes of memory shaped by segregation and Jim Crowera policies, laws, and social conventions; and

**WHEREAS,** he initiated a foundational study dedicated to documenting and understanding the agricultural land use and early settlement economy of Virginia's Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park; and

WHEREAS, he initiated national and regionally recognized foundational studies dedicated to documenting and understanding Virginia's mineral springs and speedways as significant physical and social landscapes neglected in contemporary scholarship; and

**WHEREAS,** he has provided significant expertise in expanding The Cultural Landscape Foundation's What's Out There Virginia Database of historic sites, vernacular landscapes, and designed urban and rural spaces; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he was a mentor of faculty and graduate students, playing a fundamental role in the ways in which faculty members and graduate students developed according to their own strengths for academic and professional practice as well as promoting interdisciplinary and experiential learning; and

**WHEREAS,** he has a sustained record of documenting and understanding the rich histories and hidden dimensions of cultural landscapes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Brian Katen for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Brian Katen for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 43 years, Michael Karmis, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to responsible mining through his work in mine subsidence and environment, carbon sequestration, and critical mineral recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** he ably served the community as department head of Mining and Minerals Engineering, director of the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, and an advocate for economic development in Appalachia; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on M.S. and Ph.D. dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

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

**WHEREAS,** he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including President of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, President of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, and Secretary General of the Society of Mining Professors (Societät der Bergbaukunde);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Michael Karmis for his distinguished service to the university with the title Stonie Barker Professor Emeritus of Mining Engineering.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Michael Karmis, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 32 years, Joyce A. Arditti, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to the field of family science through her excellent research and scholarship on parental incarceration and family resilience, receiving the Alumni Award for Research Excellence from Virginia Tech and the Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, she was principal and co-investigator on multiple grants and contracts investigating family resilience and parental incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, with great dedication, she taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on family policy, family process, research methods, and family science, placing strong emphasis on public policy and family systems and utilizing outstanding teaching methods to promote student learning; and

WHEREAS, she was a much-valued mentor and advocate for students, receiving the Sally Bohland Certificate for Exceptional Leadership in Access and Inclusion from the Virginia Tech Services for Students with Disabilities, and advising M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations of numerous students as she helped them develop successful careers in both academic and professional settings; and

**WHEREAS**, she ably and generously served the community, providing empirically-based guidance on issues of parental incarceration and divorce and parenting; and

**WHEREAS**, she served the field of human development and family science as an outstanding leader and mentor as editor in chief of *Family Relations* from 2004-2009 as well as a contributing member of professional associations and editorial boards; and

**WHEREAS,** she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Department of Human Development and Family Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and the university through service on numerous committees at all levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Joyce A. Arditti for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of Human Development and Family Science.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Joyce A. Arditti, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 30 years, Mark J. Benson, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the field of human development and family science through his excellent teaching and research on child and adolescent development; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal and co-investigator on grants and contracts implementing and assessing the effectiveness of professional development programs for children and adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, with great dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on children and adolescents, placing strong emphasis on theoretical constructs in human development and family science and utilizing outstanding teaching methods to promote student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised the M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations of numerous students and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and professional settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably and generously served the community through sharing his clinical expertise and mentoring young people; and

WHEREAS, he served the field of human development and family science as an outstanding mentor, receiving the Ernest Osborn Award for Teaching Excellence from the National Council on Family Relations and the Provost's Award for Excellence in Advising from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, as well as a being a contributing member of several professional associations and editorial boards; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Department of Human Development and Family Science, including serving as Director of Graduate Studies, as well as the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the university through service on numerous committees at all levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Mark J. Benson for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Human Development and Family Science.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Mark J. Benson, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 30 years, Mark J. Benson, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the field of human development and family science through his excellent teaching and research on child and adolescent development; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal and co-investigator on grants and contracts implementing and assessing the effectiveness of professional development programs for children and adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, with great dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on children and adolescents, placing strong emphasis on theoretical constructs in human development and family science and utilizing outstanding teaching methods to promote student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised the M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations of numerous students and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and professional settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably and generously served the community through sharing his clinical expertise and mentoring young people; and

WHEREAS, he served the field of human development and family science as an outstanding mentor, receiving the Ernest Osborn Award for Teaching Excellence from the National Council on Family Relations and the Provost's Award for Excellence in Advising from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, as well as a being a contributing member of several professional associations and editorial boards; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Department of Human Development and Family Science, including serving as Director of Graduate Studies, as well as the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and the university through service on numerous committees at all levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Mark J. Benson for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Human Development and Family Science.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Mark J. Benson, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for 45 years, James B. Campbell, Jr., Ph.D., served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Geography, first in the College of Arts and Sciences, and then in the College of Natural Resources that was subsequently renamed the College of Natural Resources and Environment; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the department head from 1993-2002 and provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, colleges in which he served, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to geographical scholarship through his dedicated teaching across a wide range of courses offered at the lower- and upper-division undergraduate and advanced graduate level on the topics of remote sensing, geomorphology, spatial data analysis, soils, and agricultural landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, he served graduate education in the department and university by codirecting the interdisciplinary doctoral program in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis; and

**WHEREAS,** he was instrumental in developing the initial programs, curriculum, and training in remote sensing and geospatial analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, he co-authored a multi-edition and internationally recognized textbook in remote sensing and published over 100 peer-reviewed research publications spanning a global reach with numerous international collaborators; and

WHEREAS, he advised numerous students on master's and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the university's land grant mission through many years of outreach and dissemination of remote sensing training materials to practitioners; and

**WHEREAS**, his career accomplishments were recognized by his peers when he received lifetime achievement awards from AmericaView, a national remote sensing body, and the Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. James B. Campbell, Jr. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Geography.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. James B. Campbell, Jr., Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for 36 years, Jong Uhn Kim, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, he made important contributions to partial differential equations and applied mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, he published 57 papers on this work and presented this work in over 23 talks in the U.S. and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a Mathematics Research Center Research Associate and a Van Vleck Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, Wisconsin); and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal investigator on a National Science Foundation grant and senior investigator on grants from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research; and

**WHEREAS**, he effectively taught a wide variety of undergraduate course**s and** served as an undergraduate advisor for dozens of students; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided conscientious service and leadership on numerous significant committees:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Jong Uhn Kim for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Jong Uhn Kim, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years, John F. Rossi, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, he made deep contributions to complex function theory and potential theory; and

**WHEREAS**, he published 60 papers on this work and presented this work in over 40 talks in the U.S. and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** he received a North Atlantic Treaty Organization Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1981-1982 (London, England), a Senior Fulbright Fellowship 1988 (Jyvaskyla, Finland) and a British Senior Research Fellowship, 1990 (York, England); and

WHEREAS, he served as head of the Mathematics Department from 2000-2007; and

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

**WHEREAS,** he supervised two Ph.D. dissertations, and served as a graduate and undergraduate advisor; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided conscientious service and leadership on numerous significant committees:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. John F. Rossi for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending John F. Rossi, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for a total of 19 years, James C. Turner Jr., Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, he made important contributions to numerical analysis and applied mathematics: and

**WHEREAS**, he published over two dozen papers on this work and presented this work in over 27 talks in the U.S. and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on the board of directors of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Cape Town. South Africa: and

**WHEREAS,** he served as director of the African-American Mathematics Institute at Chicago State University; and

**WHEREAS**, he was co-founding director of the Center for Nonlinear Analysis at Carnegie Mellon University; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal investigator or co-principal investigator on over \$14M in research and outreach grants; and

WHEREAS, he effectively taught a wide variety of undergraduate courses; and

WHEREAS, he served as a graduate and undergraduate advisor; and

**WHEREAS,** he served as interim associate provost of the Graduate School at Virginia Tech and provided conscientious service, and leadership on numerous significant committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. James C. Turner Jr. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending James C. Turner Jr., Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for over 23 years, David L. Panciera, DVM, M.S., DACVIM, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM); and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught and lectured in undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed M.S. and Ph.D. students, and served on 28 M.S, and Ph.D. committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on 63 grants researching thyroid function, hemostasis, and endocrinopathies; and

**WHEREAS,** through his work in canine and feline thyroid function, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 107 refereed journal articles, 19 book chapters, and reviews; and

WHEREAS, he served as departmental representative to the research and graduate studies board, graduate affairs committee, residency committee, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association veterinary memorial fund, admissions committee (multiple times), curriculum committee, internresident seminar program, section chief small animal medicine section, veterinary teaching hospital administrative board, department promotion and tenure (multiple terms), and CVM representative to the Ad Hoc Oncology Initiative Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine qualifying examination committee, and the Society for Comparative Endocrinology as vice-president, executive board member, member at large and scientific review committee member; and

**WHEREAS**, he received many professional honors and awards, including Bayer Animal Health Faculty Recognition Award Class of 2010, Anne Hunter Professor of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences Distinguished Alumnus, Zoetis Distinguished Veterinary Teacher Award, and The Oxford Laboratories Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Knowledge Concerning Small Animal Endocrinology; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. David L. Panciera for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending David L. Panciera, DVM, M.S., DACVIM, for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for over 30 years, R. Scott Pleasant, D.V.M., M.S., DACVS, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM); and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to fostering the veterinarian-farrier relationship by improving the education of veterinary students, interns, residents, and farriers on the principles and techniques of equine podiatry; and

**WHEREAS,** he ably served the community as an equine surgeon, equine field service clinician, equine extension veterinarian, and as a farrier; and

**WHEREAS**, he also contributed and enhanced the national and international reputation of CVM and Virginia Tech through his scholarship, which included research projects that helped advance the understanding of equine lameness, inflammation, and pain, and he collaborated with several faculty members within and across the college to build a model of academic success for clinically-focused faculty members within our college; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on M.S. and Ph.D. dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and

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

**WHEREAS**, his continued connection to the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences and CVM would enhance on-going research projects and serve an important advisory role providing valuable historical perspective on future decisions made by the department and college;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. R. Scott Pleasant for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Clinical Veterinary Medicine.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending R. Scott Pleasant, D.V.M., M.S., DACVS, for emeritus status be approved.

**WHEREAS**, for 19 years Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D., served as Vice President for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School and Professor at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout each of her roles at the university, Dean DePauw's integrity, commitment to the university's motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), strong leadership, collaboration, and transparency fostered mutually respectful relationships among university leadership, faculty, staff, and graduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Dean DePauw provided leadership for the expansion of the portfolio of graduate programs, certificates, and degrees offered in Blacksburg, Northern Virginia, and across the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dean DePauw created the Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP) initiative with increased financial support and incentive for interdisciplinary graduate education including the establishment of an individualized Ph.D. program and served as co-facilitator for the Provost's Destination Areas research and education initiative; and

WHEREAS, Dean DePauw created the signature initiative known as Transformative Graduate Education (TGE), which provides opportunities for graduate students to acquire knowledge, leadership skills, and professional development that complement disciplinary training and better prepare graduates to assume roles within higher education and as careers professionals outside academe, and developed graduate courses including Future Professoriate, Contemporary Pedagogy, Career Professional, Communicating Science, Citizen Scholar, Diversity and Inclusion in Global Society, Ethics and Scholarly Integrity, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean DePauw provided leadership in enhancing graduate education to attract and retain a diverse student population, created an inclusive graduate community, and established the unique and innovative national award-winning Graduate Life Center (GLC) with GLC Plaza and Amphitheatre; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean DePauw provided leadership for the creation of the Academy for Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence, in which students demonstrate a commitment to the importance of teaching, creating inclusive learning environments, and improving educational experiences of students in their classrooms and learning environments; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean DePauw provided leadership for the establishment of Little Hokies Hangout, a flexible, subsidized early education program primarily for Graduate Student families; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean DePauw created the unique Future Professoriate Program (PFP: Switzerland) for preparing future faculty as global citizens and in 2010 established a partnership with the University of Basel that has led to the annual conference on global higher education at the Swiss Embassy in Washington D.C., with expansion of the global perspectives program to PFP: Ecuador in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Dean DePauw created and supported an anti-academic bullying initiative and engaged in conversations with program leaders, graduate students, and staff to raise awareness of what academic bullying is, how it manifests itself, and why we need to disrupt academic bullying, and established this initiative to provide training to build skills to disrupt academic bullying wherever it is seen; and

WHEREAS, Dean DePauw provided leadership for initiatives for the innovative use of technology in operations including the Electronic Signature System for admissions, academic progress, and degree completion; development of interactive tools for the web such as interactive graduate catalog, featured graduate student, final examination, and "by the numbers" data analysis; and the use of social media (blogs, Twitter, Facebook, and more) in academic contexts as well as to enhance communication; and

WHEREAS, Dean DePauw served on numerous national and international leadership positions in graduate education including chairing the GRE board, Chair, Board of Directors, Council of Graduate School, Chair of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools, Chair/Facilitator, Virginia Council of Graduate Schools, member of the Commission on the Future of Graduate Education, Research Advisory Committee, Council of Graduate Schools, and more; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Dean DePauw's successes as Vice President for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School and her far-reaching impact on graduate education she was awarded the inaugural Debra W. Stewart Outstanding Leadership in Graduate Education awarded by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), had the Interdisciplinary graduate student research award named after her by the Global Change Center/IGEP, won the CSGS Professional Contribution award, the Professional Leadership award from SHIFT, University of San Francisco d' Quito, the Virginia Tech Principles of Community Award recipient, and was inducted as member of the Bouchet Society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Visitors expresses appreciation to Dr. Karen P. DePauw for her dedicated commitment to the values of Virginia Tech and her significant contributions to the regional, national, and international success of the university, and recognizes her for her distinguished service in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) with the title Vice President Emerita for Graduate Education and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

**WHEREAS,** for 34 years, Jack W. Finney, Ph.D., served Virginia Tech with distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, he excelled at research, teaching, and service first at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and then as an assistant professor of psychology at Virginia Tech, where he was awarded tenure in 1992 and promoted to professor in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, his research focused on the promotion of children's health and development and he taught courses in pediatric and clinical child psychology, developmental psychopathology, behavior modification, and health psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his appointment in the Department of Psychology, Finney had faculty appointments in Clinical Science and the Psychological Services Center; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and his scholarship includes 80 journal publications and book chapters, professional presentations, and outreach to psychology clinics, schools, commissions, and other universities; and

**WHEREAS**, he served his profession by editing and reviewing the Journal of Pediatric Psychology, the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis and additional prestigious journals in the field of child psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, as a teacher and student mentor he directed the research of 30 Ph.D. dissertations, M.S. theses and undergraduate honors theses and being awarded a university Certificate of Teaching Excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, as a faculty member and academic leader he served in numerous roles including department head and associate dean of the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of Virginia Tech's National Science Foundation AdvanceVT leadership team he developed and implemented programs to advance the careers of women faculty in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics in the College of Science and across the university; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 he was named as associate provost for faculty affairs and served in that role and as vice provost for faculty affairs until his retirement in January of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, the scope and depth of support provided to faculty members, departments, colleges, and the university expanded, resulting in national recognition from faculty affairs colleagues in the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities; and

**WHEREAS,** his leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and unwavering support of faculty, departments, colleges, and the university have made a lasting and significant impact on the culture and reputation of Virginia Tech;

