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**May 6, 2020**

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Bruce Obenhaus Assistant Professor Emeritus of  
University Libraries

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, Robert P. Schubert faithfully served Virginia Tech for 43 years as a faculty member in the School of Architecture + Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS) and for 22 of those years served as associate dean for research; and

**WHEREAS**, he was dedicated to the cultivation of experiential learning; activated by the creation of the CAUS Student-Initiated Research Grants Program which helped to encourage experiential learning and promote undergraduate/graduate research opportunities for 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he co-authored *Alternative Energy Sources in Building Design* in 1974. Published by Van Nostrand Reinhold and translated into Chinese and Russian; and

**WHEREAS**, he created and taught the Environmental Design and Sustainability course offered for 17 years, which was one of the first courses offered at the university dealing with the topic of sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, he initiated *The Virginia Passive Solar Study* in 1982, the first study of its kind in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which looked at passive solar buildings and their performance to better understand how they function with the intention to provide design guidelines to demonstrate how passive solar buildings could be a viable solution to environmentally condition buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, he initiated and was a leader and active participant for twenty years in Virginia Tech's Solar Decathlon competitions sponsored by the Department of Energy, with Virginia Tech's LumenHAUS 2010 Madrid, Spain entry and FutureHAUS 2019 Dubai UAE entry both winning first place in their respective competitions; and

**WHEREAS**, he and the Virginia Tech LumenHAUS team were selected by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) as one of nine recipients of the 2012 AIA Institute Honor Award for Architecture; and recognizing that this is the only time this honor has been conferred to a university team in the history of the award; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked to expand the physical research infrastructure in CAUS to promote building science-related research, culminating in the faculty-team led design of the Research and Demonstration Facility (RDF), completed in 1994, which is currently undergoing remodeling to better accommodate an evolving smart construction research agenda for the college; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Robert P. Schubert for his distinguished service to the university with the title, Professor Emeritus of Architecture.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Robert P. Schubert for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 37 years, Joseph R. Hunnings, 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 agent, district director, extension specialist, and finally as the director of Planning and Reporting, Professional Development and Civil Rights Compliance for Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station; and

**WHEREAS**, he was instrumental in Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) being the national leader in diversity and inclusion programming through the development of the Diversity and Inclusion Fellows and opportunities for non-English speaking clientele to access the resources of VCE; and

**WHEREAS**, he operationalized the development of international programs and experiences for faculty in VCE, including efforts in the Dominican Republic, 4-H international exchange, agent exchanges with Ireland and Senegal; and

**WHEREAS**, he established processes for Virginia Cooperative Extension to comply with USDA civil rights expectations and to provide support to other states in developing similar systems of compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, he quietly and willingly provided guidance, supported agents and specialists, and fulfilled Virginia Cooperative Extension and Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station's federal reporting obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, he was an active member of his community and involved in supporting youth and college students; and

**WHEREAS**, he received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Joseph R. Hunnings for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Director Emeritus of Planning and Reporting, Professional Development and Civil Rights Compliance.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Joseph R. Hunnings, for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERTIUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, Everett B. Peterson, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he directed master's and doctoral students, and served on over 60 master's and doctoral committees in Agricultural and Applied Economics; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on over 30 grants researching a wide variety of topics including the impacts of non-tariff measures on U.S. agricultural trade, the trade impacts of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) outbreak in the U.S. in 2003, and the economic cost of flight delays; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work on non-tariff barriers and model and database development for the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP), he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 40 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and reviews and over 20 technical reports; and

**WHEREAS**, he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) and

**WHEREAS**, he received professional honors and awards, including GTAP Research Fellow twice and the Gamma Sigma Delta Faculty Research Award; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Everett B. Peterson, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Agriculture and Applied Economics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Everett B. Peterson for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 20 years, Holly L. Scoggins, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Horticulture, now part of the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to teaching, research, extension and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she developed and taught undergraduate horticulture courses in greenhouse management, herbaceous landscape plants, ornamental plant production and marketing, plant propagation, and public garden maintenance and management, placing strong emphasis on experiential student learning, and preparation for careers in the green industry; and

**WHEREAS**, she ably served the university and broader community as director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden from 2002 - 2014, overseeing the expansion from 1.5 acres to 7 acres of teaching and outreach gardens and the construction of the Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, she shared expertise in ornamental plant production, landscape practices, and hops at the local, state, and national level by giving numerous presentations and serving on boards and committees of green industry, gardening, and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, she was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching floriculture and food crops receiving more than \$360,000 in grants; and

**WHEREAS**, she directed 15 students and advised 20 students on master of science and doctoral degrees, and helped many advance and develop successful careers; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored or co-authored over 125 refereed journal articles, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, and cooperative extension publications; and

**WHEREAS**, she received honors and awards, including Professional of the Year from Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, an academic award from the National Perennial Plant Association, a teaching award from the VT chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, a Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the G. Burke Johnston Teach Award from Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through her dedicated service and leadership on numerous committees, notably chair of the University Athletics Committee, chair of the Horticulture Curriculum Committee, president of the CALS Faculty Association, and several faculty and administrator searches and reviews.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Holly L. Scoggins, Ph.D. for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Plant and Environmental Sciences.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Holly L. Scoggins for emerita status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 19 years, Dr. George M. Filz faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering; and

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

**WHEREAS**, his research efforts and scholarly works have contributed greatly to the state of knowledge in numerous areas of geotechnical engineering including significant advancements and contributions to professional practice in methods to stabilize hurricane protection systems, dams, and many other applications; and

**WHEREAS**, his research and scholarly excellence were acknowledged by his receipt of numerous major professional awards, including the Thomas A. Middlebrooks Award, the J. James R. Croes Medal, and the Wallace Hayward Baker Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, in addition to being named a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, his excellence as an instructor was acknowledged by his receipt of three Certificates of Teaching Excellence, an Alumni Teaching Award, a Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and a W.E. Wine Award for Excellence in Teaching; 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, including service as director of Virginia Tech's Center for Geotechnical Practice and Research and as assistant department head in the Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, coupled with a high level of national profession service and involvement with societies such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes George M. Filz, Ph.D., P.E. for his distinguished service to the university with the title the Charles E. Via, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. George M. Filz, for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 48 years, David G. I. Kingston, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the chemistry department in the College of Arts and Science and the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to biodiversity conservation, drug development, and natural products research through his work as the leader of International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups in Suriname and Madagascar and through his work on the anticancer drug Taxol and the discovery of potential anticancer and antimalarial agents from nature; and

**WHEREAS**, his work was recognized by numerous awards, including Virginia Scientist of the Year, the Ernest Guenther Award for the Chemistry of Natural Products from the American Chemical Society, the Research Achievement Award from the American Society of Pharmacognosy, and by having two plants named for him; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as the first director of the VT Center for Drug Discovery and as a teaching elder at Blacksburg Christian Fellowship for over 48 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the American Society of Pharmacognosy as President and as Associate Editor of the Journal of Natural Products, and he supported the National Institutes for Health by serving on numerous grant review committees and as a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the chemistry curriculum from organic chemistry through advanced graduate classes on the Chemistry of Natural Products, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning, and developed seven new courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he was the major professor for graduate students completing 27 master's theses and 51 doctoral dissertations, helping them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings, and he directed the research of 75 postdoctoral associates and visiting scholars; 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 David G. I. Kingston, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title University Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. David G. I. Kingston for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, W. Kent Scarratt, DVM served Virginia Tech as one of the longest serving faculty members within the College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, with 37 years of total service; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the original faculty members to teach at the newly founded College of Veterinary Medicine and was a key contributor to the college's success and advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time at Virginia Tech, he faithfully served the people of Virginia and surrounding states as a skilled veterinary clinician and diagnostician in the large animal hospital while simultaneously teaching veterinary students; and

**WHEREAS**, he also contributed and enhanced the national and international reputation of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Virginia Tech through his scholarship, which included 57 peer-reviewed publications along with training of 13 veterinary interns and 22 internal medicine residents; many of these individuals have subsequently continued on in academics; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided veterinary support for research projects that helped advance the understanding of infectious diseases that affect food animals. One of the most successful of these relationships resulted in the molecular characterization of phosphorylcholine (CHoP) on Histophilus somni lipo-oligosaccharide which contributes to the bacterial virulence and pathogenesis in cattle. In this capacity, he was a model of academic success for the clinically focused faculty members within our college; and

**WHEREAS**, he has taught countless veterinary students over his career and has served in many leadership roles and important committees within the College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Kent Scarratt, DVM for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Kent Scarratt for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020



## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 25 years, Dr. Debra A. Salvador served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught and lectured in a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, she received a Pamplin College of Business teaching award as well as being a Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellow in recognition of her teaching, and

**WHEREAS**, she published numerous refereed journal articles in both academic and practice related journals; and

**WHEREAS**, she directed master's and doctoral students, served on numerous doctoral dissertation committees and made numerous presentations at academic meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, through her work in the academic tax area, she brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as an active liaison with the accounting firms that support the department through her participation in activities including serving as a professor in residence; and

**WHEREAS**, she 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 Debra A. Salvador, Ph.D. for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emerita of Accounting and Information Systems.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Debra A. Salvador for emerita status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 25 years, Linda F. Tegarden, Ph.D faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Management in the College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to the strategy and technology management literatures through her work on technology innovation focusing on technology decisions linked to firm survival and performance in emerging technology contexts. She specifically published her work in elite journals as defined by the College of Business as well as technology and engineering journals. In addition, she attended Academy of Management and Strategic Management conferences to present her research; and

**WHEREAS**, she ably served the local community as a strategy and management consultant to non-profit organizations and received the outstanding service award for both the Pamplin and University for such initiatives in 2007. She specifically contributed strategic and financial assistance to a local hospice house start-up initiative and served on the human resources committee for her local church. The hospice house initiative involved the supervision of master of business administration student projects as well as serving as a board member for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, she supported the revision of the Department of Management curriculum revision as chair of the curriculum committee and overseeing the development of new course proposals for management major options and the entrepreneurship minor. Among many accomplishments, she chaired the curriculum and course revision for the undergraduate Strategic Management course, taught and supervised and trained up to eight faculty and instructors in each semester for ten years. She is continuing her focus on team based learning in collaboration with colleagues, with the goal of improving team experiences in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the strategy and technology innovation curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning in the undergraduate, MBA and Ph.D. programs. She taught strategy at the undergraduate, MBA and Ph.D. programs. She also taught Management in Innovation in the MIT program, both on-line and for the MIT India program. She also taught entrepreneurship in both the undergraduate and MBA programs; and

**WHEREAS**, she advised numerous students on doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in academic settings. She specifically co-chaired dissertations for Ph.D. students which resulted in the advancement of one to dean and another to the director of an entrepreneurship center at a university; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, including department, college and university committees. Department committees included undergraduate curriculum, promotion & tenure, Personnel committee, and numerous

recruiting committees. She also served on the college MIT committee and undergraduate as well as graduate curriculum committees. Finally, she served on several university committees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Linda F. Tegarden, Ph.D. for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Management.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dr. Linda F. Tegarden for emerita status be approved.

May 6, 2020

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 33 years, Bruce Obenhaus faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the University Libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to services for undergraduates, especially in his most recent position of head of reference and circulation aiding faculty staff and students to access materials collected by the University Libraries, illustrating his commitment to quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, for 22 years he was the principal facilitator for open access government data, including sharing his extensive knowledge in cartography, chairing and co-chairing major committees in national academic associations, including co-chairing the national conference *Maps and Geographic Information Collections in Transition* at the Library of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported research in the area of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), both through guiding researchers to available information, and through over 11 years of serving on and co-chairing the annual Virginia Tech GIS Symposium, serving in leadership capacities at the national level on geography committees and cumulating in his receiving the Virginia Tech Geospatial Leadership Award in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served in many areas of the University Libraries in leadership positions focused on services to faculty, staff and student research needs including: reference, circulation, federal and Virginia Government documents depositories, maps, microforms, interlibrary loan and special collections; and

**WHEREAS**, he was awarded the Virginia Tech University Libraries Faculty Award for Excellence in 2005 given in recognition of his service towards the health, safety, and research needs of Virginia Tech scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he has served as an important leader and resource on many teams and committees focused on the safety of our community by helping create multiple emergency action plans for various types of emergency situations, and

**WHEREAS**, he coordinated several events, including the annual VT Author's Day and the Visible Scholarship collaboration with the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, to promote the research endeavors of the university to the greater community; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over nine journal articles, presentations, and series with a focus of connecting scholars to knowledge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Bruce Obenhaus, M.S.L.S. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Assistant Professor Emeritus of University Libraries.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Bruce Obenhaus, for emeritus status be approved.

May 6, 2020