

SUMMARY

Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Resolutions (9)

August 22, 2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (3)

Julia Beamish Professor Emerita of
Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

Robert Denton W. Thomas Rice Chair Emeritus and
Professor Emeritus of Communication

Virginia Fowler Professor Emerita of English

College of Natural Resources and Environment (2)

Robert Smith Professor Emeritus of Sustainable Biomaterials

Dean Stauffer Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Science

Pamplin College of Business (2)

Janine Hiller Professor Emerita of Business Law

Bernard Taylor R.B. Pamplin Professor Emeritus of Management Science

University Libraries (2)

Gail McMillan Professor Emerita of University Libraries

Leslie O'Brien Assistant Professor Emerita of University Libraries

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 32 years, Julia Beamish, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management (AHRM) in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a commitment to the Virginia Tech Principles of Community in her work with students and colleagues; and

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

WHEREAS, she directed M.A. and Ph.D. students, and served on over 15 M.A. and 35 doctoral committees; and

WHEREAS, she was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching age-friendly housing and kitchen and bath design; and

WHEREAS, through her work in kitchen and bath design and research, she brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, she authored or co-authored over 50 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and reviews; and

WHEREAS, she ably served as the department head of AHRM for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, she held leadership positions in professional organizations, including on the Board of the Housing Educator's Research Association; and

WHEREAS, she received many professional honors and awards, including the Housing Educator's Research Association Distinguished Service Award and was recognized as one of the Top 50 Innovators in Kitchen and Bath Design by Kitchen and Bath Design News; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Julia Beamish for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Julia Beamish, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 34 years Robert E. Denton, Jr., Ph.D., served Virginia Tech faithfully as a scholar of political communication, as an educator teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in political communication, and as a department, college, and university administrator; and

WHEREAS, he served the W. Thomas Rice Chair, as well as a professor of communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and professor of practice in marketing in the Pamplin College of Business; and

WHEREAS, he was a noted scholar on media and politics, political communication, and presidential discourse, and was the author or editor of 33 books, the writer of 29 book chapters, and the writer of more than 80 scholarly articles; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized as the Communicator of the Year by the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences, as recipient of the Southern States Communication Association Michael M. Osborn Teacher-Scholar Award, the Southern States Communication Association Outreach Award, and the Carl Couch Center Director's Service Award, and for distinguished scholarship by the Political Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association; and

WHEREAS, he served Virginia Tech meritoriously in administrative roles for 32 years as head of the Department of Communication from 1988-1996 and 2009-2022, as founding director of the School of Communication from 2020 to 2022, and as founding director of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Rice Center for Leader Development from 1997 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to Virginia Tech's Academy of Faculty Leadership to recognize his outstanding contributions through university service and received the President's Award for Exemplary Service at Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, he served the Commonwealth of Virginia in gubernatorial appointments as a member of the Virginia State University Board of Visitors and as a member of the Virginia Foundation for Natural Resources Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he was a recognized analyst of Virginia and U.S. politics for 30 years, contributed to national, state, and local print, radio, broadcast, and cable television political news coverage, and served as host of public affairs programs on Blue Ridge Public Television;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Robert E. Denton, Jr., for his distinguished service to the university with the title W. Thomas Rice Chair Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Communication.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Robert E. Denton, Jr., Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 45 years, Virginia Fowler, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she demonstrated a commitment to the Virginia Tech Principles of Community in her work with students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the fields of African American literature, literary pedagogy, women writers, and the works of Henry James, Nikki Giovanni, and Gloria Naylor by authoring five books and over two dozen essays and chapters and presenting many papers and invited lectures; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and served on many M.A. committees; and

WHEREAS, she mentored a generation of faculty members in the Department of English, especially women and minority faculty; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the English department through serving as director of undergraduate studies in English, director of literature and language, director of literature, language, and culture, associate department head, and director of graduate studies, in addition to serving on or chairing 72 departmental committees; and

WHEREAS, she served the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and Virginia Tech by serving on or chairing 75 college and university level committees; and

WHEREAS, she received many professional honors and awards, including the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Diversity Award and the Academy of Faculty Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Virginia Fowler for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of English.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Virginia Fowler, Ph.D., for emerita status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for 28 years, Robert L. Smith, Ph.D., served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products which was subsequently named as the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials in the College of Natural Resources and Environment; and

WHEREAS, he served as the associate dean for Engagement from 2007 to 2021, led the college's award-winning natural resource extension program, and provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, he served as the department head from 2012 to 2019, in which time the department name changed from Wood Science and Forest Products to Sustainable Biomaterials and the department established two new undergraduate degree programs in Packaging Systems and Design and Sustainable Biomaterials; and

WHEREAS, he served as the director of the Center for Forest Products Business from 2001 to 2022 and provided leadership in cooperation with the forest products industry in providing scholarships, research funding, and experimental learning activities for students in the department; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Forest Products Extension Specialist from 1994 to 2007 serving the forest products industry in Virginia and the country; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to wood science 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 Forest Products Marketing, Forest Product Business Management, Wood Preservation, Sales, and Forest Products Industry Studies; and

WHEREAS, he co-authored three books in the area of forest products marketing and management, published over 100 peer-reviewed research publications spanning a global reach with numerous international collaborators; and participated in over \$6M of research funding; 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 served the university's land grant mission through many years of outreach and dissemination of forest products marketing and management materials to practitioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Robert L. Smith for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Sustainable Biomaterials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Robert L. Smith, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 39 years, Dean F. Stauffer, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment; and

WHEREAS, he has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in his teaching, research, and service responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to bird conservation through his work in the United States and Central and South America focusing on habitat requirements of migratory birds, particularly grouse species; and

WHEREAS, he ably served the university community as an associate dean and associate department head for Undergraduate Programs; and

WHEREAS, he supported The Wildlife Society and the Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society as chair of many committees and as an elected officer; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the wildlife conservation curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; 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 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 Dr. Dean F. Stauffer for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Conservation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Dean F. Stauffer, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Janine S. Hiller, J.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Finance, Insurance, and Business Law in the Pamplin College of Business; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to legal studies and ethics through her work at the intersection of technology and law, focusing on cyberlaw, cybersecurity, privacy, and data law and ethics; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the community as Pamplin Director of Integrated Security, associate dean of Graduate and International Affairs in the Pamplin College, and faculty advisor to and faculty chair of the University Honor System; and

WHEREAS, she supported the Integrated Security Destination Area and its curriculum and stakeholder's committee; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she designed and taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the business law, ethics, and information technology curriculum, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

WHEREAS, she held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the office of president in the Academy of Legal Studies in Business and service on its executive committee; and

WHEREAS, she received many professional honors and awards, including research and service awards; 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Janine S. Hiller, J.D., for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Business Law.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Janine S. Hiller, J.D., for emerita status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 46 years, Bernard W. Taylor III, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech in the Pamplin College of Business; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the faculty in the Department of Business Information Technology he was an outstanding teacher at the undergraduate and graduate levels and received the College of Business Certificate of Teaching Excellence, the University Certificate of Teaching Excellence, and the College of Business Ph.D. Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, he advised and counseled numerous graduate students in the Department of Business Information Technology and university during his career, including service as chair of three Ph.D. dissertation committees and membership on college and university doctoral committees; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions in research in the fields of management science and operations management, authoring over 80 research articles in his career, co-authoring the textbook *Operations and Supply Chain Management* (10th edition) and authoring the textbook *Introduction to Management Science* (13th edition); and

WHEREAS, he was recognized by his election as a fellow of the Decision Sciences Institute and his appointment to the R.B. Pamplin Professorship of Management Science; and

WHEREAS, he dutifully served on over fifty departmental, college, and university committees, as chair and member of the board of directors of Virginia Tech Services, and as head of the Department of Business Information Technology for 34 years from 1983 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, he served in a number of important offices and on numerous professional committees, including president of the National and Southeast Region of the Decision Sciences Institute, and as the recipient of these organizations' Distinguished Service Awards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Bernard W. Taylor III for his service to the university with the title of R.B. Pamplin Professor Emeritus of Management Science.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Bernard W. Taylor III, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Gail McMillan, M.L.S., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the University Libraries; and

WHEREAS, she received both a M.L.S. and an M.A. at the University of Maryland, College Park, and served as archivist at the Smithsonian Institution; and

WHEREAS, she has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in her teaching, research, and service responsibilities and in her work with students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) through her work directing the software development for ETD-db, a project that led to Virginia Tech becoming involved nationally and internationally as a leader in ETDs and the first institution to require open access to ETDs; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to open repositories through her work directing the team that established Virginia Tech's open access institutional repository, VTechWorks, and through her involvement in sponsored research focused on the curation and preservation of institutional repository content; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to scholarly communications through her management of the Open Access Subvention Fund, her work in digital libraries and archives focusing on open access journal publishing, and her service and scholarship focusing on ETDs, digital curation and preservation, institutional repositories, open access policies, library subvention funds, and inclusion and diversity in libraries; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the community as a participating member of several professional associations, societies, and cooperatives, including as a founding member and member of the board of directors of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, a founding member of the MetaArchive Cooperative, and as a member of the American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, Digital Library Federation, International Archive of Women in Architecture, Library Publishing Coalition, National Digital Stewardship Alliance, OCLC, Open Repositories, Southeastern Universities Research Association, VIVA: Virtual Library of Virginia, and Society for Scholarly Publishing; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the community through her work in the University Libraries' Collections and Technical Services department as a cataloger, project coordinator, department head, and team leader, through her work as department head of Special Collections, and as department director of Digital Library and Archives, Digital Research and Scholarship Services, and Scholarly Communication; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the university through dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees, including service on Faculty Senate, Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, Commission on Research Open Access Policy Working Group, Dean of Libraries' Five-Year Review Committee, Envisioning Virginia Tech: Beyond Boundaries Committee, Promotion and

Continued Appointment Committee, Intellectual Property Committee, Virginia Tech Intellectual Property, Inc. Board, Dean of University Libraries Search Committee, Committee on Faculty Ethics, Faculty Review Committee, Parking Committee, Women's Network News Editorial Board, and service as the University Libraries' Work-Life Liaison; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department through dedicated service on numerous committees, including as the chair of the associate dean's Periodic Review Committee, Digital Literacy Advisory Council, Diversity Council, Deans and Directors Council, IT Advisory Group, IT Governance, Strategic Planning Committee, Open Knowledge Committee, International Committee, Research & Informatics Leadership team, Research, Learning & Informatics Leadership team, and Library Council; and

WHEREAS, she authored or co-authored over 58 journal articles, over 120 international, national, and local presentations, and over 12 poster sessions, and participated in over 13 sponsored research projects, served as peer reviewer for eight journals and open educational resources, served on the editorial board of six journals, and served as a consultant on over 15 projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Gail McMillan for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of University Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Gail McMillan, M.L.S., for emerita status be approved.

August 22, 2022

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Leslie O'Brien, M.L.S., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the University Libraries; and

WHEREAS, she has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in her teaching, research, and service responsibilities and in her work with students and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the department and to the university as director of the Collections and Technical Services department responsible for purchasing and licensing access to collections made available to the university community for the purpose of research, teaching, and learning; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to Virginia Tech's collective licensing agreements through her work with library cooperatives such as VIVA: Virtual Library of Virginia, and with Virginia institutions in decision-making with regard to shared collections and bundled contracts; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to collections by managing the transfer of collections from the University Libraries' off-site storage facility to the Library Service Center; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions in working with departments and committees to improve library workflows through her management of multiple system migrations that involved working with vendors, liaisons, and library teams to balance the needs of users with the needs of library workers; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions in working with departments and committees in the University Libraries to strengthen the libraries' electronic access to materials; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions in working with departments and committees in the University Libraries to expand opportunities for open access publishing through participation in open access cooperatives, investments in publisher memberships that reduce article processing charges for Virginia Tech authors, and support for the Libraries' Open Access Subvention Fund; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the community with increasing leadership responsibility as a cataloger, team leader for cataloging, director of technical services, and director of collections and technical services; and

WHEREAS, she served as supervisor for two library school practicum experiences on for-credit projects; and

WHEREAS, she authored or co-authored over 19 journal articles, book chapters, publications, reports, published conference papers and presentations, conference presentations, and poster sessions; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the university through dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees, including the Combined Virginia Charitable Campaign, Transportation and Parking Committee, University Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning, Building Committee, Commission on University Support, with two years as chair, University Council, University Council on International Programs, and the Faculty Review Committee, and through service as a Staff Appreciation Day volunteer; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department through dedicated leadership on numerous committees, including the Library Faculty Association (LFA) Promotion and Continued Appointment Committee with three years as chair, four years as chair of the Continued Appointment Track Faculty Committee, two years as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Library Assessment Data Council, the Periodic Review of Associate and Assistant Deans Task Force, and as chair of 11 library search committees; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department through dedicated service on committees, including as LFA President, Vice President/President Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer, member of the Faculty Handbook Committee, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Library Transition team, Digital Literacy Advisory Council, South Africa Librarians Exchange Committee, IT Advisory Group, Library Council, Library Dean's Advisory Council, Diversity Council, Serials Council, and as member of eight library search committees; and

WHEREAS, she held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the American Library Association, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, and Virginia Library Association; and

WHEREAS, she received a University Libraries Faculty Service Recognition Award in 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Leslie O'Brien, M.L.S., for her distinguished service to the university with the title Assistant Professor Emerita of University Libraries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Leslie O'Brien, M.L.S, for emerita status be approved.

August 22, 2022