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November 18, 2019

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RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for 39 years, Dean R. Bork, ASLA has faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the landscape architecture program in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, he established himself as leader in design education and curriculum development through service to the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board; his funded research, publications, and national presentations on excellence in design studio teaching; and

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

WHEREAS, he served as department chair in the Landscape Architecture Department from 2000 through 2007, leading the department's transition into a program, expanding graduate studies in landscape architecture in the National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership as department head, the undergraduate program attained 'number one' status in the Design Intelligence Rankings and achieved its highest ever levels of externally funded research, and

WHEREAS, he has provided significant expertise in watershed sensitive site design through integrated stormwater management design and green infrastructure planning at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, he developed a sustained and award-winning record for integrating service learning and applied planning, design and construction community service projects, including construction of accessible recreational and educational facilities in Virginia and abroad; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes associate professor R. Dean Bork for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending R. Dean Bork for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 11 years, Helene S. Renard, R.A., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Interior Design Program of the School and Architecture + Design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she taught many undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the interior design curriculum, the architecture curriculum, and the foundation program, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

WHEREAS, she supported the interior design program through her participation in curriculum development, accreditation processes, mentoring of colleagues, and attainment of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) certification; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the discipline through her creative scholarship focusing on felt and interior space; and

WHEREAS, she received a number of professional honors and awards, including first place in the National Creative Scholarship Competition; and

WHEREAS, she was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching the use of materials in interiors, she authored or co-authored two refereed journal articles, and one book chapter; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the community as a design educator through community-based design studio projects and community-based research; and

WHEREAS, she advised numerous students on master's dissertations; and

WHEREAS, through her participation in regional, national and international art exhibitions, she brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, she participated in the committees and initiatives of professional organizations, including the Interior Design Educators Council; 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 Helene Renard for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Interior Design.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Helene Renard for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 31 years, Leila Bailey Van Hook, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Art and Art History in the College of Arts and Sciences, and more recently in the (renamed) School of Visual Arts in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, she produced exemplary scholarship of international importance through three books and many more articles and conference presentations that have shed new light on women as artists and women as subjects in American art, twice winning the College of Architecture and Urban Studies award for Distinguished Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, she made a significant impact on the intellectual development of Virginia Tech students for over a generation, bringing her love and knowledge of art history to a total of nearly 10,000 students over the course of her career in her introductory course on the history of western art from renaissance to contemporary, as well as hundreds of additional students in upper level classes covering the art and material culture of the eighteenth through twenty-first centuries; and

WHEREAS, in the course of her career she has auspiciously integrated new disciplinary approaches to art history both in her teaching and her research, shifting the focus from the study of a small canon of well-known works to embracing the broader concepts of visual and material culture as a way critiquing the past and present; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 she exhibited her commitment to new technologies by teaching one of the first fully on-line classes at Virginia Tech, and very possibly the first on-line art history class in the country; and

WHEREAS, as a scholar and instructor she has served as a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion. Her recent research brings a voice to an underrepresented female artist of the early twentieth century, and within the art history program she successfully expanded the curriculum to propose and teach courses with a global view and outside of the western canon; and

WHEREAS, with characteristic patience and wit she undertook the challenges of writing a proposal for a unique interdisciplinary Masters of Art degree in Material Culture and Public Humanities and successfully shepherding it through the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV). In a few short years, the program has graduated at least twenty students with an excellent employment rate; and

WHEREAS, as department head from 2001 to 2004, and again as interim director in 2011, she successfully led the School of Visual Arts through a series of internal and external changes, most notably a departmental move from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, as department head she successfully spearheaded the creation of a new and innovative cluster hire that integrated the arts and technology in a meaningful way for the first time on Virginia Tech's campus. The Collaborative for Creative Technologies

in the Arts and Design, otherwise known as CCTAD, evolved into what it is known as today, ICAT, the Institute for Creativity, the Arts and Technology; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, and as a leader in the School of Visual Arts she has mentored a generation of junior faculty through the promotion and tenure process, leading by example as an active and productive scholar; and

WHEREAS, her good nature, friendly attitude and strong commitment to students, colleagues and co-workers has contributed dramatically to a positive environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Leila Bailey Van Hook for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Art.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Bailey Van Hook, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for 14 years, Susan F. Clark, R.D., Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Horticulture, now the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, and the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to teaching, research, and community outreach serving as the program director of the college-level civic agriculture and food systems minor and the dietetics program focusing on interdisciplinary and experiential teaching and learning, and study abroad experiences; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the broader academic community sharing expertise in community-based food systems to enhance food security at the local, state, national, and international level serving on numerous executive boards in professional organizations, journal editorial boards, expert review panels, and multi-state advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, she was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching pedagogy, assessment of student learning, student experiential learning, electronic portfolios, and community food security receiving more than \$3.87M in grants; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the civic agriculture and food systems, horticulture, and nutrition and nutritional dietetics, placing strong emphasis on innovative teaching strategies, experiential student learning, and assessment of student learning outcomes; and

WHEREAS, she advised or directed 16 students on master's and doctoral degrees, and helped them advance and develop successful careers; and

WHEREAS, she authored or co-authored over 27 refereed journal articles, three book chapters, and more than 47 peer-reviewed paper presentations; and

WHEREAS, she held leadership positions in local, state and national professional organizations, including Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Heifer International, Chesapeake Foodshed Network, Local Environmental Agriculture Project-LEAP for Local Foods, and Sustainable Agriculture and Education Association; and

WHEREAS, she received many professional honors and awards, including Virginia Tech's Nominee for National U.S. Professor of the Year and the National Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Awards, the University Exemplary Program Award, Heifer International Women in Livestock Award, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning's Teacher of the Week, Outreach and International Affairs' Researcher of the Week and Engaged Scholar of the Month, Student Affairs and Residential Life's Favorite Faculty Award, PanHellenic Association's Standout Professor, and Dietetic Educator of the Year; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Susan F. Clark for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Plant and Environmental Science.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Susan F. Clark, R.D., Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1988 and continuing for 30 years, Dr. Ruth Grene faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science and the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to plant biology, providing an increased understanding of the effects of drought, and air pollution on crops, trees, and model plants; and

WHEREAS, she was involved in the inception of two graduate programs at Virginia Tech: Molecular Cell Biology and Biotechnology, and Genetics, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (GBCB); and

WHEREAS, she co-led a long-term, highly productive, and well-funded, collaboration with Dr. Lenwood Heath, (Computer Science), to educate and train students in an interdisciplinary environment, and to enhance bioinformatics tools for plant biologists; and

WHEREAS, she co-taught graduate courses in the areas of plant stress physiology, and advanced plant physiology, designed and taught both an undergraduate writing intensive course for biology majors, and a graduate course consisting in an intensive introduction to contemporary biology and genomics for graduate students in the computational sciences entering the field of bioinformatics, and co-taught a capstone course in the GBCB program; and

WHEREAS, she served as mentor and advisor for students' master's theses and doctoral dissertations in both plant biology and GBCB, and helped them develop successful careers in both academia and industry; and

WHEREAS, she supported the scientific research enterprise by serving as a reviewer for national and international journals and funding agencies, and by serving on grant panels for the National Science Foundation U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, she supported the goals of the American Society of Plant Biologists through service on their editorial board, on the committee for the status of women in plant biology, and as associate editor of the Abiotic Stress section of the journal *Frontiers in Plant Science*; and

WHEREAS, she provided leadership, in collaboration, first with Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program, and then with the Office of Inclusion and Diversity, in an effort to increase the retention and success of first generation and underrepresented undergraduates in the life sciences; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on committees, including serving as chair of the Commission for Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Ruth Grene for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Plant Sciences.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Ruth Grene, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 42 years, Keith S. Yoder, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member at the Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Winchester, in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the Virginia, regional and national tree fruit industry as research and extension tree fruit pathologist through his work focusing on integrated disease and orchard management strategies, and

WHEREAS, he was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching integrated disease and crop-load management practices, and apple cultivars and rootstocks, receiving more than \$5M in grants and in-kind funding; and

WHEREAS, he authored or co-authored 50 refereed journal papers, 39 book chapters, and 354 refereed reports and numerous abstracts on applied and basic tree fruit disease management practices; and

WHEREAS, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through his dedicated extension and outreach service including participation in 200 regional winter fruit schools and many in-orchard meetings, delivering more than 2,000 presentations state-wide, regionally, nationally and internationally, and more than 1,000 newspaper columns and online disease management updates through a blog that has been accessed by individuals in 140 countries; and

WHEREAS, he served on 24 national, regional, or multi-state advisory committees, positions in professional organizations, including biosecurity and production interests of the U.S. deciduous tree-fruit industry; and

WHEREAS, through his innovative research on shoot blight management of the devastating fire blight disease of apple, being the first to test the plant growth regulator, prohexadione-calcium, he reduced the potential for resistance to the antibiotic streptomycin and brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, he guided the project that developed the Virginia Tech Pollen Tube Growth Model for apple crop load management that is now publicly available online to the Pacific Northwestern and Eastern apple industries; and

WHEREAS, he advised 19 students, serving on master's and doctoral degree committees, and helped them advance and develop successful careers; and

WHEREAS, he ably served the Winchester and Frederick County community as a member of the Winchester Tree Commission for eight years and represented Virginia Tech at the Shenandoah Apple Harvest Festival for 35 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Keith S. Yoder for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Keith S. Yoder, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for more than 32 years, Carl E. Zipper served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Agronomy, the Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences, and the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the university by teaching classes, conducting research and outreach, and advising students; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 students enrolled in undergraduate environmental science courses for which he served as instructor; and

WHEREAS, he served as chair or member of more than 60 M.S. or Ph.D. committees, offering mentoring and support to those and other students; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership for more than 20 years to Virginia Tech's Powell River Project, which has supported research and outreach on environmental restoration of Appalachian coal mines; such activities have involved faculty from multiple departments, colleges, and extension units, have expanded scientific and public knowledge of environmental processes on Appalachian coal mines, and have enabled more effective environmental restoration to occur; and

WHEREAS, his research has improved scientific understanding of water, aquatic biota, soil, and vegetation response to and recovery from Appalachian coal mining; and

WHEREAS, he has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, conference papers, and outreach publications; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Carl E. Zipper for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Carl E. Zipper, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 19 years, Dr. LuAnn R. Gaskill faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she served as head of the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management for ten years, and as Associate Dean for Outreach and External Relations in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Resources for two years; and

WHEREAS, she participated in numerous international projects as a researcher, a consultant, and a teacher, and received college and university recognitions for international outreach contributions; and

WHEREAS, she taught undergraduate courses in social, cultural, and historical aspects of apparel, fashion industries and merchandising, and graduate courses in orientation to research; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to experiential learning by supervising international and national study tours, independent studies, and field studies; and

WHEREAS, she made contributions to the understanding of clothing and textiles research on retailing, small business management, entrepreneurship, and international business development and sustainability, including seminal work on modeling retail product development; and

WHEREAS, she supported the scientific research enterprise as a reviewer of numerous books, conferences, and journal manuscripts, including those for the scholarly journals *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal* and *Journal of Small Business Strategies*; and

WHEREAS, she served on numerous committees in professional organizations, including the International Textile and Apparel Association, and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university by chairing and serving on numerous committees.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending LuAnn R. Gaskill, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 31 years, David W. Johnson faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Division of Performing Arts, the Department of Theatre Arts, and the School of Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences and, most recently, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to theatre, bringing both masterful actor and theatre training to graduate and undergraduate students and high-quality productions to the Virginia Tech community as a director, mounting 36 productions on campus and three productions externally; and

WHEREAS, he ably directed six professional productions nationally and was a founding member of, and director for, the Russian/American Theatre Project in St. Petersburg, Russia, performed in four professional productions nationally and fourteen productions at Virginia Tech, and most recently, wrote five plays and was contracted to adapt George Saunders' 2017 Man Booker Prize-winning novel, *Lincoln in the Bardo* into a play for the American Literature Association Conference in 2019; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he developed and taught a wide variety of innovative undergraduate courses, including script analysis, history of drama and theatre, contemporary theatre, intermediate performance, and a range of acting topics courses; and

WHEREAS, he created, taught, and led three Virginia Tech study abroad programs focusing on Commedia Dell'Arte and European theatre history in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland, Calabria, Italy and Crete, Greece, for which he was recognized with a Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Excellence in International Activities Award from Virginia Tech; and

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

WHEREAS, he offered workshops for many years on acting, voice and Commedia Dell'Arte locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally for high school and college students, high school and university teachers, and theatre professionals, presented numerous papers at the Virginia Theatre Association and Southeastern Theatre Conferences, and adjudicated numerous high school theatre competitions throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering generosity of mind and spirit to his colleagues and students has earned him their respect, affection and deep gratitude,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes David W. Johnson for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Theatre Arts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending David W. Johnson for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1993 and continuing for 26 years, K. Jill Kiecolt served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Sociology in the College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the field of sociology with a specialization in social psychology, race relations, and family, publishing a book and numerous articles, chapters, and research reports contributing to this field; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of professional service to the profession, serving as a member of the editorial boards for *Social Psychology Quarterly* and *Sociological Inquiry*, serving as an executive council member of the Southwest Sociological Association, and serving as a member of the National Council on Family Relations ;

WHEREAS, she served as fellow at Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, where she conducted research on individual development and social change; and

WHEREAS, she served as an affiliate to the Center for Gerontology at Virginia Tech; and

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

WHEREAS, she mentored and advised numerous undergraduate and graduate students and was honored with the Department of Sociology E. Gordon Ericksen Award for graduate teaching; 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 Dr. K. Jill Kiecolt for her service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Sociology.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending K. Jill Kiecolt, Ph.D for emerita status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 27 years, Fabrice Teulon, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to French studies through his work in Eighteenth-Century French literature focusing on culture; and

WHEREAS, he ably served the university community as a mediator; and

WHEREAS, he created the department's study abroad program in Paris; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the French 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. Fabrice Teulon for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of French.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Fabrice Teulon, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for 47 years, Randolph W. Ward faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in theatre arts, in the College of Arts and Sciences and later the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Professor Ward founded and led the university's ground-breaking graduate design/technical theatre degree program; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, enthusiasm, and great attention to individual learning he impacted generations of undergraduate and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, as a scenographer and lighting designer on over 220 productions he added depth to countless theatrical productions; and, in addition to collaborations with his colleagues he has collaborated with theatrical innovators Ping Chong and Andy Belser; and

WHEREAS, accolades include the first Phi Beta Kappa Sturm Award for Creative Activity for *Cathy: Three Tales of China*; the 2005 nomination for the American Theatre Wing Henry Hewes "Best Scenic Design Award" for *Cathy: Three Tales of China*; and a 2002 nomination for the American Theatre Wing Henry Hewes "Best Scenic Design Award" for *Edda: Viking Tales of Lust*; was named Scholar of the Week by the office of the Virginia Tech Vice President for Research, and a 2006 college graduate advising award; and

WHEREAS, he designed or supported the design of theatre venues in the Moss Arts Center, Henderson Hall, and Theatre 101, the Von Liebig Theatre and the Hallbritter Performing Arts Center at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, the Jefferson Center in Roanoke, VA, the Lincoln Theatre in Marion, VA, the Maury School's ARTSPACE in Fredericksburg, VA, the Flat Rock Playhouse in Flat Rock, NC, the State Theatre of North Carolina, the International Storytelling Center in Johnson City, TN, and Playhouse 460 in Christiansburg, VA; and

WHEREAS, in Squires Student Center he served as consultant to the Recital Salon, which is the primary performance venue for chamber music, student ensembles, and academic and professional recitals; and designed the Studio Theatre, which is the primary venue for university theatre productions; and

WHEREAS, he provided leadership and service to university, college, and school committees including the college's graduate curriculum and promotion and tenure committees, the school's leadership, personnel, and undergraduate and graduate steering committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Randolph W. Ward for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Theatre Arts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Professor Randolph W. Ward for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Dr. A. A. (Louis) Beex served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering; and

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

WHEREAS, he directed 46 master's and 15 doctoral students, and served on over 100 master's and doctoral committees in several College of Engineering programs; and

WHEREAS, he was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching signal processing algorithms and their properties in various applications; and

WHEREAS, through his work in spectral estimation, signal analysis, and adaptive signal processing, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, he authored or co-authored over 175 refereed journal and conference papers, as well as a two book chapters; and

WHEREAS, he disclosed ten patents and was granted at least four as U.S. patents; and

WHEREAS, he served on proposal review panels, such as for the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including as Associate Editor of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Transactions on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing; and

WHEREAS, he provided more than 40 years of service as a reviewer for many professional publications; 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 recognize Dr. A. A. (Louis) Beex for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending A. A. (Louis) Beex, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 22 years, Jeffrey B. Connor, Ph.D., P.E. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Engineering Education (and the Division of Engineering Fundamentals) in the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the engineering fundamentals and engineering education programs including co-developing curriculum in the early part of the engineering plan of study including the ten hands-on discovery modules and early first-year curricular reform, known as DEGAS. He participated in the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) First-Year Program Division where he published multiple ASEE papers from 2002 to 2010, as well as an ASEE First Year Engineering Experience (FYEE) paper in 2015; and

WHEREAS, he was senior personnel on two of the first large NSF grants received by the Department of Engineering Education - Bridges to Engineering Education at Virginia Tech (BEEVT) and Spiral Curricular Reform (\$1M); and

WHEREAS, he was dedicated to ensuring that all Virginia Tech first-year engineers had a fundamental understanding of the foundations of engineering, and as such, developed a textbook which he intended for VT students to access at little to no cost. This book, "Engineering: A Primer", was written to assist students in their engineering success; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught thousands of engineers via a wide variety of undergraduate courses ranging across the engineering fundamentals / engineering education curricula, as well as civil engineering, AutoCad, and surveying, placing strong emphasis on fundamentals, standards, student learning and student success. His motivation was always directed towards students being prepared to be good engineers; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes the late Dr. Jeffrey B. Connor posthumously for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Jeffrey B. Connor, Ph.D., P.E. posthumously for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 31 years, Dr. Jesus M. de la Garza 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 construction engineering and management and advised approximately 70 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 construction engineering and highway infrastructure management; and

WHEREAS, his research and scholarly excellence were acknowledged by his receipt of numerous major professional awards, including the Peurifoy Construction Research Award and the Richard R. Torrens Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, being named a distinguished member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a fellow of the Construction Management Association of America, and being inducted into the National Academy of Construction; and

WHEREAS, he truly exemplified the *Ut Prosim* spirit of Virginia Tech through his many years of dedicated service at all levels within the university and its governance structure, including chairing the Commission on Research twice and being significantly involved in the formation of the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, coupled with a high level of national profession service involvement with societies such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Construction Management Association of America, and the Construction Industry Institute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Jesus M. de la Garza for his distinguished service to the university with the title, Vecellio Professor Emeritus of Construction Engineering and Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Jesus M. de la Garza, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 32 years, Richard M. Goff faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Engineering Education (and the Department of Engineering Fundamentals) in the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions including serving as the founding director of the Frith First-Year Engineering Design Lab, the primary laboratory space utilized by thousands of first-year engineering students to this day; co-developing and leading the precursor to the Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (RSAP); serving as the former director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for e-Design; and serving as team member on the first two NSF grants received by the Engineering Education Department and serving as part of a large NSF funded coalition (SUCCEED); and

WHEREAS, he ably served the community in championing the Real Outreach eXperiences In Engineering (ROXIE) project, where he enabled over 1,000 first-year engineering students to engage in community service projects; and

WHEREAS, he supported the Baja SAE team by serving as faculty advisor for nine years and served the engineering fundamentals program (now the Department of Engineering Education) as course coordinator from 1998-2003; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught thousands of undergraduate engineers within the first year programs in engineering, placing strong emphasis on student learning while consistently receiving stellar teaching evaluations; and

WHEREAS, he advised students on doctoral dissertations and helped them develop solid research programs leading to careers in academia and industry; and

WHEREAS, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university including eight years as assistant department head, through dedicated service on numerous committees, and by earning multiple awards including the W.S. Pete White Chair for Innovation in Engineering Education, the W.E. Wine Award for a History of Exemplary Teaching, the Diggs Teaching Scholar Award and the Sporn Award for Excellence in Teaching of Engineering Projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Richard M. Goff for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Engineering Education.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Richard M. Goff, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 19 years, Dr. William H. Woodall, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Statistics in the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the field of Industrial Statistics through his leadership, his skills as a communicator, consultant, educator, and innovator, his ability to integrate statistics with other disciplines, and his ability to impact real-world applications in engineering and science.

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across Statistics 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. William H. Woodall for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Statistics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending William H. Woodall, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, an alumnus of Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration, M. Dwight Shelton, Jr. returned to his alma mater in 1979 as the Director of Internal Audit and rose through the ranks, ultimately serving as Executive Vice President for the Virginia Tech Foundation and the university's Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, the position he held until his retirement in 2019; and

WHEREAS, throughout each of his roles at the university, Dwight's integrity, commitment to the university's motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), strong leadership, collaboration, and transparency fostered mutually respectful relationships with university leadership, state and federal government officials, and other constituents, which led to the development of optimal solutions; and

WHEREAS, Dwight prioritized administrative efficiencies, modernizing the controllership throughout the 1980s and 1990s, launching an overhaul of the strategic planning and budgeting process in the late 1990s, and transitioning the university from paper-based business processes to a fully electronic system, significantly improving efficiencies and strengthening internal controls; and

WHEREAS, Dwight has been the architect of innovative funding strategies that have advanced Virginia Tech's strategic goals for academic excellence, increased enrollment, access and affordability, research leadership, and campus expansion, transforming the university into a top-tier institution despite turbulent economic times and unprecedented reductions in external funding; and

WHEREAS, though Dwight's accomplishments are far too numerous to list, among his most impactful and enduring are his central role in launching the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and devising the Funds for the Future and Beyond Boundaries Scholars programs to increase access and affordability for low- and middle-income Virginia residents; and

WHEREAS, Dwight played a pivotal role in the Commonwealth of Virginia's selection in 2018 as the location of Amazon's east coast headquarters (Amazon HQ2) and the corresponding creation of Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus in Northern Virginia, as Virginia Tech's proposal was the most comprehensive and the only one to include a complete financial model. This distinction, along with Dwight's sterling reputation with state legislative and executive branch leaders, inspired broad support and was integral to the success of this proposal and the advancement of the university; and

WHEREAS, these recent accomplishments have showcased Dwight's role in economic development, bringing jobs and innovation to localities across the commonwealth. Board of Visitors member and former rector Dennis Treacy has said of Dwight's economic influence, "Higher education is one of Virginia's top economic engines, and Dwight's role in strategically strengthening and expanding the state's economic opportunities cannot be overstated. Government and business leaders past and present have great appreciation for his service and the generosity with which he shares his knowledge and expertise"; and

WHEREAS, Dwight is renowned as an astute strategist with an exemplary management style and extensive knowledge in accounting, taxation, capital construction, and finance, along with broad institutional knowledge of Virginia Tech and deep understanding of the higher education landscape and the commonwealth's educational culture and history; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed higher education leader, Dwight's expertise has been sought on major statewide initiatives and he has been recruited frequently by his peers for leadership positions in professional organizations. He played a key role in developing, planning, and evaluating the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 2005 and the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011. He served as president of Fiscal Officers of Colleges and Universities (FOCUS), chair of the Council of State Senior Business Officers (CSSBO), and a board member of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers (SACUBO); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Dwight's successes as Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer and far-reaching impact on higher education in Virginia, he was awarded the 2019 Virginia CFO Award sponsored by *Virginia Business* magazine; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University expresses appreciation to M. Dwight Shelton, Jr. for his dedicated commitment to the values instilled in him as a student at Virginia Tech and his significant contributions to the regional, national, and international success of the university, and recognizes him for his distinguished service in the spirit of *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve) with the title Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Emeritus.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending M. Dwight Shelton, Jr. for emeritus status be approved.

November 18, 2019