

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING L. CHRIS PETERSEN

WHEREAS, Chris Petersen was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 2016 and reappointed in 2020. During his eight-year tenure on the board that extended through the Covid pandemic, Chris was a member of the former Student Affairs and Athletics Committee; the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Buildings and Grounds Committee; the Compliance, Audit, and Risk Committee; the Executive Committee; and the Governance and Administration Committee, which he has chaired for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree from Washington University and holds a Juris Doctor degree at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Chris is a principal at Arbor Strategies LLC. His practice concentrates in legal and compliance services relating to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, privacy, state small-group and individual insurance reform regulation, and the interaction between state and federal law. He also represents clients before the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Congress, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Petersen previously served as vice president of the state affairs/legal department of the Health Insurance Association of America. He has spoken extensively on insurance reform matters and also has testified before Congress on insurance reform and privacy issues. He is a member of the Virginia Bar Association, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Professional Insurance Marketing Association and received their President's Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, the members of the board have truly appreciated Chris' time and service, as well as enjoying getting to know Chris and his wife, Michele, at board meetings and other university events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University hereby extend their sincere appreciation to Chris Petersen for his outstanding loyalty and devoted service and for his faithful dedication to the university and its missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution recognizing L. Chris Petersen for his service as a member of the Board of Visitors be approved.

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