

SUMMARY

Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Resolutions (4)

June 11, 2024

The title of emeritus or emerita is conferred on retired Virginia Tech faculty members, as defined in chapter 2 of the Faculty Handbook, who have made exemplary contributions to the university and are recommended to the Board of Visitors for approval by the provost and president.

The following faculty members are recommended for emeritus or emerita designation at Virginia Tech.

College of Science (3)

Susan G. Anderson	Senior Instructor Emerita of Mathematics
Susan Hagen	Senior Instructor Emerita of Mathematics
Russell Thomas Jones	Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (1)

Thomas K. Miller	Professor Emeritus of Orthopedic Surgery
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RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, Susan G. Anderson, M.S. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, she was a tireless teacher whose personal attention motivated students to set high expectations for themselves and whose continual feedback helped students meet those expectations; and

WHEREAS, her service to the Math Department included 27 years as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA) mentor, eight years as an advisor to undergraduates, 13 years as chair of Women in Mathematics: Career Day at Virginia Tech, and numerous other leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, her service to the university included 18 years as a faculty senator, eight years as a member of the Faculty Senate of Virginia, 11 years as a member of University Council, seven years as the Faculty Senate legislative affairs work group chair, and numerous other activities; and

WHEREAS, she was the faculty advisor to Amnesty International for 22 years, was the faculty advisor for the United Feminist Movement (formerly Womanspace) for 30 years, and was a member of the Sexual Violence Prevention Council for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, in word and deed she exemplified commitment to the Principles of Community; and

WHEREAS, for these and many other contributions she earned recognition as the Mathematics Department Instructor of the Year, the Women's Center Woman of the Year, the University Student Leadership Advisor of the Year, and she earned two Excellence in Access and Inclusion Awards, a College of Science Diversity Award, and an Aspire! Award for Courageous Leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Susan G. Anderson, M.S. for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Senior Instructor Emerita of Mathematics

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Susan G. Anderson, M.S. for emerita status be approved.

June 11, 2024

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Susan Hagen, M.A. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, she was an innovative teacher who continually implemented new ways for students to communicate with each other about mathematics; and

WHEREAS, she was a valued collaborator on National Science Foundation-funded projects, studying and developing materials for inquiry-oriented learning and earning recognition as a Fellow in Differential Equations on one project; and

WHEREAS, she was a Principal Investigator (PI) or co-PI on two Mathematics & Science Partnership Grants and two Eisenhower Professional Development Grants, supporting the professional development of in-service teachers; and

WHEREAS, through these grants and several contracts she taught numerous professional development courses for in-service teachers, in addition to providing academic advising and teaching upper-division courses to pre-service teachers; and

WHEREAS, she taught for 18 years in VTStars and CTech², encouraging underrepresented and underserved pre-college students to see futures in the sciences, engineering, and information technology; and

WHEREAS, she ably served the university and her department in numerous ways, including as faculty senator, graduate teaching assistant (GTA) mentor, course coordinator, and member of the undergraduate program committee; and

WHEREAS, in all these activities she upheld the Principles of Community and represented them throughout the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Susan Hagen, M.A. for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Senior Instructor Emerita of Mathematics

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Susan Hagen, M.A. for emerita status be approved.

June 11, 2024

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 38 years, Russell Thomas Jones, Ph.D. has faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology in the College of Science; and

WHEREAS, he is a revered teacher in undergraduate and graduate courses, also providing exceptional advising beyond the classroom, having been selected for the Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising and inducted into the Academy of Advising Excellence in 2001; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a mentor and M.S. and Ph.D. thesis advisor for over 40 graduate students, providing guidance and support in their academic and research pursuits, and has contributed to numerous M.S. and Ph.D. committees in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, he has received several National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grant awards, demonstrating his commitment to advancing the understanding of and treatments for trauma and the consequences of natural disasters and fire for children's wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, through his outreach including consultation with communities and governments in times of crisis (school shootings, Hurricane Katrina, Virginia Tech shootings), he has enhanced the international visibility of Virginia Tech and contributed to the global advancement of psychological research and practice; and

WHEREAS, he has co-edited one book, and authored or co-authored over 80 publications and book chapters, including the publication of measurement scales for trauma assessment, making significant contributions to the field of psychology; and

WHEREAS, he is a fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and has served as a member of the Terrorism and Disaster Branch (TDB) of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS), along with active involvement in numerous professional societies, furthering the field through his service and leadership;

WHEREAS, he has provided many years of distinguished service to the department, the college, and the university through his dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees, and particularly his emphasis on programs to support diversity, equity, and inclusion, including leadership in the Black Caucus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Russell Thomas Jones for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Russell Thomas Jones, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

June 11, 2024

RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, for over 13 years, Thomas K. Miller, M.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the university and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine as a professor through his work in a wide variety of education, research, clinical care, and service endeavors, including serving the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery as vice-chair, Section Chief of Sports Medicine, Medical Student Clerkship Director, and Director of Graduate and Undergraduate Orthopaedic Education; and

WHEREAS, since moving to Roanoke, Virginia in 1986 after completing his physician training, he has ably served the community as a physician, developing state-of-the-art clinical and ambulatory surgical care across the region; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction in the area of sports medicine by virtue of his involvement as medical advisor, board member and/or medical director in illustrious sports medicine-related organizations including: the International Institute of Race Medicine, the Ironman Triathlon Advisory Board, the Ironman Global Medical Board, United States Olympic Committee, the Goodwill Games USA, the USA Rugby Football Union, the International Triathlon Union, the United States Medical Triathlon Association, the Salem, Virginia Class A affiliated baseball teams, the American Society for Sports Medicine, and many others; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he has taught the medical school curriculum, the resident physicians, and health professions students continuously since joining the school of medicine, placing strong emphasis on educational and research outcomes, standards, and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, he advised and mentored over 120 medical students, resident physicians, and health professions students whose research projects covered a wide spectrum of clinically focused topics, enriching those students' education and having a far-reaching impact on the discipline of orthopaedics while helping his students achieve successful careers in academic and private settings; and

WHEREAS, his research productivity, accomplished while fully engaged in clinical practice and service to his patients, reflects an extraordinary level of achievement, including over 130 journal articles, 90 scholarly presentations, and grant funding continuously since 2011; and

WHEREAS, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, university, and clinical health system partner (Carilion Clinic) through dedicated service on numerous committees and organizations at the local, state, regional and national levels; and

WHEREAS, he has been recognized with prestigious awards for career achievement and service contributions from a variety of state, regional, national, and international organizations including: the Virginia Orthopaedic Society, the Southeast Athletics Trainers Association, Becker's Health Care, the National Athletic Trainers Association, the American Journal of Sports Medicine, and the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Thomas K. Miller for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Thomas K. Miller, M.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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