

## SUMMARY

### Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Resolutions (22)

**November 19, 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 Agriculture and Life Sciences (2)**

Alan L. Grant	Dean Emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Carol Blum Papillon	Senior Instructor Emerita and Director Emerita of the Virginia Tech Internship in Nutrition and Dietetics

#### **Pamplin College of Business (4)**

Lynn A. Almond	Associate Professor of Practice Emeritus of Accounting and Information Systems
David L. Brinberg	Kathleen Grega Digges Professor Emeritus of Marketing
Cintia M. Easterwood	Collegiate Assistant Professor Emerita of Accounting and Information Systems
David P. Tegarden	Associate Professor Emeritus of Accounting and Information Systems

#### **College of Engineering (5)**

Dushan Boroyevich	University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering
John G. Casali	John Grado Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Ing-Ray Chen	Professor Emeritus of Computer Science
Pradeep Raj	Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

John Lee Robertson Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Engineering

**College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (6)**

Clair Apodaca Associate Professor Emerita of Political Science

Edward Falco Professor Emeritus of English

Ilja A. Luciak Professor Emeritus of Political Science

David Radcliffe Professor Emeritus of English

Lucinda Roy Alumni Distinguished Professor Emerita of English

Peter Schmitthenner Professor Emeritus of Indian Religion and Culture

**College of Science (2)**

Maggie Bump Professor Emerita of Chemistry

Harry C. Dorn Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

**College of Veterinary Medicine (2)**

Kevin D. Pelzer Professor Emeritus of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

William S. Swecker, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Large Animal Clinical Sciences

**Administration (1)**

Ellen W. Plummer Associate Vice Provost Emerita of Academic Administration

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for 15 years, Alan L. Grant, Ph.D., served Virginia Tech with unwavering dedication and distinction as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), and as a tenured professor of animal sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, under his guidance and leadership, the college experienced significant growth in enrollment and sponsored research funding, elevating its national and international stature as a premier institution committed to academic excellence, innovation, and high achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, he advanced the university's aspirations and commitment to excellence in research, teaching, extension, and service, fostering a vibrant environment in CALs that attracted and retained outstanding students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided exemplary administrative leadership to the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and Virginia Cooperative Extension, working in close collaboration with directors to ensure that the university's land-grant missions of research, teaching, and extension were seamlessly integrated to benefit students, stakeholders, and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS**, he partnered meaningfully with federal, state, and local government stakeholders and industry, and was seen as an innovative leader, a strong partner, and pivotal in bringing Virginia Tech to the forefront of cutting-edge research to the benefit of the agricultural industry; and

**WHEREAS**, his transformative leadership enhanced the advancement model within CALs, leading to greater participation of alumni in the life of the college and raising over \$100M in philanthropic support for the college during his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, his steadfast commitment to Virginia Tech's Principles of Community, paired with his dedication to expanding research and educational opportunities, fostered an environment focused on inclusive excellence within the college, contributing to a more vibrant academic community; and

**WHEREAS**, he spearheaded the creation of the CALs Global Office, opening new horizons for global and transdisciplinary learning, discovery, and engagement, and elevating the visibility and international reputation of Virginia Tech and its students and faculty; and

**WHEREAS**, his tireless advocacy for capital project funding led to the construction and renovation of state-of-the-art research and educational facilities including new equine and teaching facilities, new dairy, swine, and beef research complexes, and the Human and Agricultural Biosciences Building I, adding close to a half million square feet of new infrastructure to campus and affiliated locations; and

**WHEREAS**, he contributed generously to the university community through his collegial

leadership on the Council of College Deans, University Council, and numerous other university committees, embodying a spirit of collaboration and service; and

**WHEREAS**, his scholarship and commitment to the field of agriculture and life sciences have been recognized by his numerous publications, awards, and leadership and service roles with many national- and state- level agencies and professional organizations, including the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, and the U.S. Pork Center of Excellence, of which he is a founding board of directors member;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Alan L. Grant for his distinguished and transformative service to the university by conferring upon him the title of Dean Emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Alan L. Grant, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 28 years, Carol Blum Papillon, MPH, RD, faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

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

**WHEREAS**, through her work as director of the accredited Internship in Nutrition and Dietetics, she built a nationally recognized program reputation that brought visibility to Virginia Tech, and guided over 450 individuals to develop successful careers as confident and competent leaders in the dietetics profession; and

**WHEREAS**, she expanded the university's reach within the Washington, D.C. metro area and throughout the Commonwealth by establishing multiple new locations of the internship program; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught undergraduate and graduate courses throughout the dietetics curriculum, and, for over 25 years, managed a nutrition counseling service that provided skill development for dietetics students and services to university community members to improve their health; and

**WHEREAS**, she held leadership positions in professional organizations, including serving as president of the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; and

**WHEREAS**, she received numerous professional honors and awards, including the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Distinguished Dietitian Award, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Outstanding Dietetic Educator Award, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Service Award; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, including serving as chair of the dietetics committee, where she ensured that the three accredited programs met educational standards; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as a committee member for master's students, and delivered multiple invited professional presentations and published articles;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Carol Blum Papillon for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Senior Instructor Emerita and Director Emerita of the Virginia Tech Internship in Nutrition and Dietetics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Carol Blum Papillon, MPH, RD for emerita status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 14 years, Lynn A. Almond, C.P.A. faithfully 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, he taught and lectured in numerous different undergraduate courses and received many individual student recognition awards; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as coordinator for many years for all sections of very large enrollment courses in Principles of Accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as conference chair for numerous years for the Department of Accounting and Information Systems (ACIS), sponsored Virginia accounting and auditing conferences that were delivered successfully to thousands of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) across Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, he dedicated many years of service as a volunteer faculty advisor for student organizations including both the Accounting Society and the International Students, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as an engaged liaison with the accounting firms that support the department through his participation in activities, including his roles in CPA professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, he made numerous presentations at national academic meetings to improve the teaching of accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, through his contributions in the field of academic accounting, he brought positive national visibility to Virginia Tech; 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 Lynn A. Almond, C.P.A. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor of Practice Emeritus of Accounting and Information Systems.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Lynn A. Almond, C.P.A. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 31 years, David L. Brinberg, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member, and as the Kathleen Grega Digges Professor of Marketing in the Department of Marketing in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to Virginia Tech, the Pamplin College of Business, and the Department of Marketing through his work in teaching and research focusing on global education; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as the founder and faculty advisor of the Lugano, Switzerland Study Abroad Program, as well as the Linking Lives Study Abroad Program; and

**WHEREAS**, he contributed to the creation of the Sloan Foundation Forest Industry Center, to support research and graduate student education, as well as service-learning experiences in developing countries for undergraduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the marketing and study abroad curriculum while placing a strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on their M.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 his dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. David L. Brinberg for his distinguished service to the university with the title Kathleen Grega Digges Professor Emeritus of Marketing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending David L. Brinberg, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, Cintia M. Easterwood, Ph.D. faithfully 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 more than a dozen different undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as coordinator for numerous years for all sections of very large enrollment courses in Principles of Accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, she dedicated many years of service as a volunteer faculty advisor for both the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) and the Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA), and

**WHEREAS**, she coordinated and taught extra Certified Public Accountant (CPA) review courses for many years to support and assist students, and

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Cintia M. Easterwood for her distinguished service to the university with the title Collegiate Assistant Professor Emerita of Accounting and Information Systems.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Cintia M. Easterwood, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, David P. Tegarden, Ph.D. faithfully 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, he taught and lectured in more than a dozen different undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his dedication to high-quality teaching, he was named a Darrell D. and Betty R. Martin Junior Faculty Fellow; and

**WHEREAS**, he published several books and book chapters along with numerous refereed journal articles in both academic and practice related journals; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a reviewer for many different academic journals and served on the editorial boards of several journals; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed M.S. and Ph.D. students, served on numerous doctoral dissertation committees, and made numerous presentations at academic meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work in the academic information systems area, he brought positive international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a research associate for the Calhoun Center for Higher Education Innovation at Virginia Tech where he developed materials to address the future direction of higher education; 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. David P. Tegarden his distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emeritus of Accounting and Information Systems.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending David P. Tegarden, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 34 years, Dushan Boroyevich, PhD. faithfully served Virginia Tech in the Bradley Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering as an associate professor, professor, American Electric Power professor, University Distinguished Professor, and as associate vice president for research and innovation for energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to electrical engineering, focusing on the technical field of power electronics, where he played a key role in the development of advanced modeling and control techniques, the development of high-power-density power electronics based on wide-bandgap semiconductor devices, and the advancement of electronic power distribution systems; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as associate director of the Virginia Power Electronics Center (VPEC), as co-director of the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center for Power Electronics Systems (CPES), as director of CPES, as president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power Electronics Society, and as a member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE); and

**WHEREAS**, he served as an expert advisor to the director of the Research and Innovation Center for Electrical Engineering (RICE) at the University of West Bohemia, helping the center develop into one of Europe's largest research groups in the field of power electronics, electrical machines, and electric drives, which control electric motors for different applications, and building a partnership with RICE and CPES that will benefit researchers for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, he received numerous accolades for his achievements, including the Lee Ko Ting Chair Professor Award from National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan, the IEEE Power Electronics Society Harry A. Owen Distinguished Service Award and William E. Newell Power Electronics Technical Field Award, the Outstanding Achievement Award from the European Power Electronics Association, an Honorary Professorship from Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, an honorary doctorate from the University of West Bohemia in the Czech Republic as well as multiple prize paper awards and several awards for excellence in research and teaching at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the Virginia Tech Energy Innovation Initiative to expand and unify the university's power electronics and power systems research and education programs, successfully expanding the CPES research laboratories into the National Capital Region and helped strengthen numerous collaborations with the power industry and the U.S. government; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he developed and taught a wide variety of undergraduate courses in the electrical and computer engineering curriculum, from sophomore to senior levels, laboratories and capstone design courses, and graduate-level courses, emphasizing high teaching standards and student learning; 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, graduating 50 Ph.D. and 40 M.S. students, many of whom hold prominent positions including faculty posts at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees; including the promotion and tenure committee, honorifics committee, electronics and circuits committee, curriculum committee, and executive committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Dushan Boroyevich for his distinguished service to the university with the title of University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Dushan Boroyevich, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, after receiving his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Virginia Tech between 1973 to 1982, John G. Casali, Ph.D., C.P.E. faithfully served Virginia Tech for 42 years as a faculty member in the Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering; and,

**WHEREAS**, he has received national and international awards for his accomplishments in industrial engineering and human factors engineering, including being elected Fellow of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) and Fellow of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES), being awarded the Holtzman Distinguished Educator Award in 2005 and the Baker Outstanding Research Award in 1999 by IISE, and was honored with the Lauer Safety Award from HFES in 2017, Fitts Educator Award in 1999, and the Kraft Award in 1991 for his efforts to extend the applications of human factors engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, he has also received noteworthy recognitions for his research accomplishments in human hearing and acoustics, including the Outstanding Hearing Conservationist award in 2009, two Best Lecture Awards from the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA), and the prestigious Safe-in-Sound Award in 2016 for innovation in hearing conservation, jointly awarded by NHCA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); and

**WHEREAS**, he has made significant contributions to the outreach mission of Virginia Tech, as recognized by the Hansen Outreach Award in 2023 from the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society for broadening applications and benefits of human factors/ergonomics, Virginia Tech's Alumni Award for Excellence in Outreach in 2022 and 2007, and the Outreach Excellence Award from the College of Engineering in 2006 and 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, he served Virginia Tech as department head of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) from 1995 to 2002, and during this period of significant growth, he proposed and procured the John Grado Endowment for ISE as part of over \$7.2M in total Foundation funds raised, including 29 undergraduate scholarships and seven fellowships, secured two \$250,000 endowments for the Harris Manufacturing Laboratory and Manufacturing Systems Integration Laboratory, led ISE to improve its national ranking by four positions for both the undergraduate and graduate programs, led ISE to being recognized as a University Exemplary Department, collaborated on the development the faculty mentoring program, proposed and helped implement Virginia Tech's Technical Assistance Program, and hired 15 new faculty in ISE to ultimately reach promotion and tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, for 24 years, he wrote proposals and received funding for a United Parcel Service Graduate Fellowship, totaling \$1.09M in funds and assisting over 20 Ph.D. students toward degree completion; and

**WHEREAS**, he developed and taught three unique graduate level courses in human factors engineering and taught a total of eight different courses, received high teaching evaluations from students, and also received the College of Engineering Teaching Excellence Award in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, he excelled as a researcher, serving as principal or co-principal investigator on over 125 projects for the U.S. military, U.S. government and corporate sector grants and contracts, with a personal funding share is over \$10.5M, together with significant research products which include auditory training systems being placed at three military installations for soldier use, research protocols being incorporated into national standards, and patents being licensed for products, and was recognized with the College of Engineering Research Excellence Award in 1998 and 2013, and Virginia Tech's Alumni Award for Research Excellence in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as an advisor to many students, including as committee chair for 32 M.S. and 25 Ph.D. students. 10 of his Ph.D. students were from the U.S. military, three of his Ph.D. advisees won top international dissertation awards in human factors engineering, and in collaboration with Ph.D. student Colonel Kristy Casto (U.S. Army), he received the Haley Writing Award from the Army Aviation Medical Association for the best helicopter-related aerospace medicine publication in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, he is known for outstanding reduction-to-practice and application of his knowledge and research outcomes, as demonstrated by his receipt of six U.S. and one European patents for hearing-related and personal mobility technologies, his service to over 80 companies and U.S. government organizations in approximately 150 applied projects related to safety, acoustics and hearing protection, ergonomics and zoning/ordinances, requests for his expertise in legal support roles in over 60 court cases and public hearings, and his drafting of noise ordinance legislation adopted by small cities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the human factors engineering and acoustics literature, he has authored over 175 publications, including 29 book chapters and 120 refereed papers of which 67 are in refereed journals, has delivered over 170 technical presentations and conducted 50 workshops and seminars, including plenary or invited speeches at conferences in Brazil, Chile, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, Italy, and at NATO in Belgium; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in leadership roles for several professional organizations, including as president and vice-president of the National Hearing Conservation Association, Editorial Board member for the *Human Factors Journal*, chair of the Council of Industrial Engineering Academic Department Heads, and through many years of service on five standards committees of the American National Standards Institute.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. John G. Casali for his distinguished service to the university with the title John Grado Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending John G. Casali, Ph.D., C.P.E. for emeritus status be approved.

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## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for 27 years, Ing-Ray Chen, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as program director for Computer Science in the Washington, D.C. area for 15 years, and under his leadership, the computer science program in the region developed a strong culture of research and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, through his work in trust, network, and service management as well as reliability, security, and performance analysis of mobile systems and wireless networks, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored 127 refereed journal articles and 135 conference papers, with over one third of his journal publications appearing in *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers* (IEEE) and *Association for Computer Machinery* (ACM) transactions journals; and

**WHEREAS**, he received many professional honors and awards, including numerous best paper awards, the IEEE Communications Society William R. Bennett Prize in the field of Communications Networking, the IEEE ComSoc Network Operations & Management (CNOM) Test of Time Paper Award, and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Publication Award; and

**WHEREAS**, he secured external research funding with his personal share totaling over \$1.5M from competitive federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed 14 Ph.D. students and mentored many others as a member of their dissertation committees; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of service to the department, college, university, and profession through his participation on numerous committees and IEEE transactions journal editorial assignments;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognize Dr. Ing-Ray Chen for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Computer Science.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Ing-Ray Chen, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 12 years, Pradeep Raj, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering in the College of Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 32 years prior, he served with distinction as a leader in vehicle development through applied computational aerodynamics at Lockheed Martin, including as a director at the Advanced Development Programs division (ADP), also known as Skunk Works, which is widely recognized for creating breakthrough technologies and landmark aircraft; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication and vision, he has elevated the teaching of air-vehicle design at Virginia Tech to an extraordinary level, mentoring over 90 design teams involving over 700 students, and achieving national recognition for an unprecedented 19 teams in national design competitions; and

**WHEREAS**, with his expertise, he contributed research in the area of multidisciplinary analysis, design, and optimization dedication at Virginia Tech, in particular through the Center for Aerospace Systems Integration and Multidisciplinary Optimization, and the advising of a number of Ph.D. and M.S. thesis students; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been recognized for his leadership and contributions by professional organizations, including being elected Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the Institute for the Advancement of Science (IAE), and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RaeS); and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, receiving recognition for his work as a recipient of the Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Distinguished Faculty Award in 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Pradeep Raj for his distinguished service to the university with the title Collegiate Professor Emeritus of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Pradeep Raj, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 34 years, John Lee Robertson, V.M.D., Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Mechanics in the College of Engineering, as a faculty member in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and as a lecturer at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; and,

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to alleviate human and animal suffering through his work developing novel medical tests and biomedical devices including a simple test for identifying the presence of cancer using molecular urinalysis, treatments for aggressive malignant brain tumors in dogs and humans, and a system for prolonged preservation of human organs that will be used to treat patients with kidney and liver failure; and,

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the national and international communities as a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society, where his service was recognized with several awards of merit; as the president and secretary-treasurer of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology, as the chairman of two international conferences of the Society of Toxicology Pathology, where his service was recognized by two meritorious service awards, as an advisory council member for the Westie Foundation of America, as a reviewer of scientific grants for the National Institutes of Health, as a consultant on toxicologic pathology for the Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and Health Canada, and as a peer-reviewer for four international journals; and,

**WHEREAS**, he supported the development of critical thinking and generation of knowledge by mentoring 97 undergraduate research, capstone design, and independent study projects which involved more than 200 students; and,

**WHEREAS**, he supported the critical biomedical research mission of the university by participating in and generating over \$21M in research funding as principal investigator, co-principal investigator, and co-investigator which resulted in over 200 publications, a textbook on diseases of horses, eight book chapters, 100 public presentations, and 11 patents held by the university. His efforts in the development and commercialization of medical technologies for treatment of kidney failure and cancer was recognized by the Vice President for Research with the award as “Startup Builder” at the time of induction into the National Academy of Inventors in 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the medical and biomedical curricula of the College of Engineering, Veterinary Medicine and VTCSOM, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning. His excellence in teaching has been recognized with 13 teaching awards and an additional 21 nominations for teaching awards; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised 96 students on master’s and doctoral dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; and,

**WHEREAS**, he received many professional honors and awards, including a special

recognition award from the American Heart Association, an original research award from the Lyme Disease Foundation, and the Pfizer Research Excellence Award; and,

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, including promotion and tenure committees. He also served as the director of the Center for Comparative Oncology at the College of Veterinary Medicine and as the head of the Faculty Senate Reconciliation Committee for four years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. John Lee Robertson for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Engineering.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending John Lee Robertson, V.M.D., Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 12 years, Clair Apodaca, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to the understanding of global governance through her work on foreign aid, human rights, international debt, child hunger and women's rights in the Global South by focusing on political methodology in over 50 books, articles and reports; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across the political science curriculum, placing strong emphasis on political methodology as well as the politics of women's rights, child malnutrition, post-disaster societies; and

**WHEREAS**, she supported the advancement of diversity at the department, college, and university levels; and

**WHEREAS**, she advised numerous students on master's theses and helped them develop successful careers in academic, non-profit and government settings; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided years of significant contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on department, college, and university committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Clair Apodaca for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Political Science.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Clair Apodaca, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 40 years, Ed Falco faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a wide range of courses including graduate and undergraduate creative writing workshops, literature courses, and special topics seminars, while also serving as the Director of the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing from 2007 to 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, he mentored numerous students, chairing dozens of thesis committees, and contributing significantly to the development of emerging writers; and

**WHEREAS**, through his prolific and acclaimed work in fiction, poetry, playwriting, and electronic literature, he brought national and international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored nine books, including novels, short story collections, and poetry collections, along with numerous short stories, poems, and plays published in prestigious literary journals; and

**WHEREAS**, he received numerous grants and awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction, a Virginia Commission for the Arts Fellowship, and the Robert Penn Warren Prize in Poetry; and

**WHEREAS**, his scholarly and creative contributions have been recognized through awards such as the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Award and the Albert L. Sturm Award for Faculty Excellence in the Creative Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, he has served the university as a member of various committees, including the executive committee, the personnel committee, and as coordinator of the Visiting Writers Series for over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, his local, national, and international impact in the field of creative writing includes numerous invited readings, lectures, and workshops, as well as pioneering work in electronic literature;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Ed Falco for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of English.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Ed Falco for emeritus status be approved.

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## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 35 years, Ilja A. Luciak, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he directed numerous master's and doctoral students in Liberal Arts and Human Sciences programs; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on grants researching gender and politics, civil war, and post-conflict peacemaking in Central and Latin America; and

**WHEREAS**, through work with DIAKONIA-Sweden, the European Commission, the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, and the Wenner-Gren Foundation, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished service to the department, including his role as chair from 2002 to 2010, as well as to the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous committees and task forces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Ilja Luciak for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Political Science.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Ilja Luciak, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years, David Radcliffe, 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**, with dedication, he taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses in British literature, especially of the Restoration and eighteenth century, as well as courses on Shakespeare, Milton, and critical reading; and

**WHEREAS**, he mentored many students, directing numerous M.A. thesis committees, and served as director of Graduate Study from 2001 to 2004, contributing to the development of emerging scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, through his prolific work as a scholar of eighteenth-century British literature and digital humanities, he brought both national and international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored multiple books, including *Edmund Spenser: A Reception History* and *Forms of Reflection: Genre and Culture in Meditational Writing*, as well as numerous articles, book chapters, and reviews published in prestigious academic journals and anthologies; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the university in various administrative roles, including as director of the Center for Applied Technologies in the Humanities from 2007 to 2015, and on numerous committees at the department, college, and university levels; and

**WHEREAS**, his impact in the fields of eighteenth-century literature and digital humanities include the creation and maintenance of several digital archives and editions, such as *Lord Byron and his Times*, *The Digital Index of Middle English Verse*, and *English Poetry, 1579- 1830: Spenser and the Tradition*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. David Radcliffe for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of English.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending David Radcliffe, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 39 years, Lucinda Roy faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, she taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses in creative writing, literature, and African American studies, while also serving as the chair of the Department of English and co-director of Creative Writing from 2002 to 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, she mentored countless students, chairing numerous MFA thesis committees and serving on many others, contributing significantly to the development of emerging writers; and

**WHEREAS**, through her prolific and acclaimed work as a poet, novelist, and memoirist, she brought both national and international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored multiple books, including novels, poetry collections, and a critically acclaimed memoir-critique, as well as numerous poems, stories, and essays published in prestigious literary journals and anthologies; and

**WHEREAS**, she received numerous grants and awards, including the Eighth Mountain Poetry Prize, the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) Outstanding Faculty Award, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, her scholarly and creative contributions have been recognized through honors such as her appointment as an Alumni Distinguished Professor, a preeminent faculty appointment recognizing faculty members who demonstrate extraordinary accomplishments and academic citizenship at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, she has served the university in various administrative roles, including as associate dean for curriculum, outreach and diversity, and on numerous committees at the department, college, and university levels; and

**WHEREAS**, her local, national, and international impact in the fields of creative writing, higher education, and social justice includes numerous invited readings, lectures, and media appearances, as well as her work with humanitarian organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Professor Lucinda Roy for her distinguished service to the university with the title Alumni Distinguished Professor Emerita of English.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Professor Lucinda Roy for emerita status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over thirty years, Peter Schmitthenner, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Department of Religion and Culture, and the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he made contributions to the academic scholarship on the history of South India; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community of scholars with expertise on India and South Asia through his involvement in organizations such as the American Institute for Indian Studies (AIIS), the Council of International Educational Exchange (CIEE), Project South Asia, and the South Atlantic States Association for Asian and African Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, he fostered student engagement with international issues by serving on the campus Fulbright Screening Committee, coordinating the Asian Area Studies minor, serving as faculty advisor for the Blacksburg Chapter of Association for India's Development, and the Asian American Student Union; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the broader community of Blacksburg by giving local presentations and serving as a discussion leader on issues related to India; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as faculty advisor to student organizations, including the Sikh Students Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he took part in interdisciplinary and international facing communities of scholars and students across campus, such as the VT Scholars of South Asia and the Middle East Working Group; and

**WHEREAS**, he was passionately committed to providing students with experiential learning experiences, alternative community learning experiences, and study abroad opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught a variety of undergraduate courses ranging across the curriculum of Religion and Culture and History (including the Life and Legacy of Gandhi, and History of India, Food in Asian History), as well as supervising many independent studies; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised many students on their doctoral dissertations in the Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT) Ph.D. program and helped them develop successful careers; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the Department of Religion and Culture through dedicated service on numerous committees, faithfully

stewarded the curriculum during transitions, and was committed to the recruitment of new colleagues and to the mentoring and promotion of new and existing ones; and

**WHEREAS**, he served the college diligently, including his role as a college liaison for faculty finalists for new tenure track positions, and through his work to promote international initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, he was chair of the Department of Religion and Culture during a challenging time of transition from the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies for which he received the Award for Excellence in Administration in 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Peter Schmitthenner for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Indian Religion and Culture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Peter Schmitthenner, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 23 years, Maggie Bump Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, she has demonstrated a commitment to the 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 advised the award-winning Chemistry Club, a Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society (ACS); and

**WHEREAS**, she supported the broader impacts on grants researching education and polymer science; and

**WHEREAS**, she developed and directed the Youth Experiencing Science (YES) Summer Camp and the take-home activity kits to reach underprivileged youth; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored or co-authored educational materials for K-12 and undergraduates in science, and organic, polymer, and green chemistries; and

**WHEREAS**, she received many professional honors and awards, including the Certificate of Teaching Excellence, the Housing and Residence Life Favorite Faculty Award, Jimmy W. Viers Teaching Award, and Virginia Blue Ridge Section (VBRS) American Chemical Society (ACS) and College of Science Awards for Outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, she continues to work with department and university faculty and students through research and mentoring; 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. Maggie Bump for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Chemistry.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Maggie Bump, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, Harry C. Dorn, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, and Fralin Biomedical Research Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, he has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in his teaching, research, and service responsibilities and contributed to Virginia Tech as a member of the *Ut Prosim* and Pylon Societies; and

**WHEREAS**, his early work from 1974-2000 led to developments and applications in the areas of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), dynamic nuclear polarization (DNP), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and his later work spanning from 1990-2024 made significant contributions to science focusing on new fullerenes, fullertubes, metallofullerenes, and nanoparticles in the areas of chemistry, spectroscopy, and medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 200 scientific papers that describe the preparation and characterization of approximately 125 new molecules including fullerenes, metallofullerenes, and newly discovered fullertubes which have been published in numerous high level scientific publications such as *Angewandte Chemie*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society (JACS)*, *Radiology*, *Science*, and *Nature*; and

**WHEREAS**, his research considered the biomedical applications include new MRI contrast agents, radiolabeled pharmaceuticals, and therapeutic cancer treatment agents. These new carbon nanomaterials and functionalized derivatives are being explored for next generation applications that include, high electrical conductivity new metals, semiconductors, heterojunction solar cells, quantum computers, single molecule magnets, and other opto-electronic devices; and

**WHEREAS**, he will continue research and publishing with his graduate students on the newly discovered form of carbon, fullertubes, and on new metallofullerene MRI contrast agents along with collaborators from the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, he and the former dean of the College of Science, Dr. Lay Nam Chang, initiated the Nanoscience program at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, he has ably served the community as an educator of science, emphasizing the importance of introducing science and nanoscience to K-12 students and the general public at elementary schools, high schools, science fairs, and science museums; he conducted numerous hands-on lectures where approximately 400 participants K-12 students as of 2018 learned about topics including symmetry, nanoscience, and building fullerene "buckyball" models; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he has taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses ranging across all levels of chemistry, nanoscience, and medicine, placing strong emphasis on high standards of student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he conducted outreach and educational programs with elementary, high school, and college students, as well as scientific presentations extensively throughout the United States, Europe, China and Japan to advance the understanding of chemistry and related science topics; and

**WHEREAS**, he delivered over 300 presentations at scientific meetings and other organizations, including plenary and invited presentations in England, Austria, Singapore, China, Canada, Greece, Crete, Spain, Germany, and Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous undergraduate chemistry students, as well as M.S., Ph.D. candidates, and medical students, thereby helping them develop successful careers in both academic and industrial settings; in 2023, many of these former students, colleagues, and collaborators returned to Virginia Tech to be honored with a Festschrift (a book honoring a respected academic); and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university through dedicated service on numerous committees, including serving on many Chemistry department committees over the last 50 years, the College of Science Committee in 2017, the College of Science Faculty Association (COSFA) steering committee in 2018, as a member of the Faculty Senate from 2018-2021, and was elected by the Virginia Tech Faculty Senate to serve a three-year term as a member of the University Commission on Research in 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Harry C. Dorn for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Chemistry.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Harry C. Dorn, Ph. D. for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 36 years, Kevin D. Pelzer, DVM, MPVM, DACVPM faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; 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 the health and welfare of animals through his work in the Production Management Medicine clinical service of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, he ably served the community as an educator of the lay public and farm animal producers; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the service, research, and teaching missions of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught veterinary students, placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

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

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Kevin Pelzer, DVM, MPVM, DACVPM for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 34 years, William S. Swecker, Jr., DVM, PhD, DACVN faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

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

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the first graduates of Virginia Tech's veterinary college, infusing that background in his service to the community as an educator of farm animal producers; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the health and welfare of animals through his work in the Production Management Medicine and Nutrition clinical services of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he served as director of the teaching hospital director, adding a veterinary social worker position, facilitating the development of small animal emergency and critical care, and overseeing the hospital as it dealt with adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the service, research, and teaching missions of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, he advised numerous students on M.S. and Ph.D. dissertations and helped them develop successful careers in academic, private, and corporate settings; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, university, and to his profession through his service as associate department head, including a six-year term on the Council on Education within the American Veterinary Medical Association and serving as president of the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association in 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. William S. Swecker, Jr. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending William S. Swecker, Jr., DVM, PhD, DACVN for emeritus status be approved.

November 19, 2024

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

**WHEREAS**, for 24 years, Ellen W. Plummer, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech in a variety of roles including director of the Women's Center, special assistant to the provost, interim director of the Office for Equal Opportunity, deputy director of the Office of Recovery and Support, and as the associate vice provost for academic administration in the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided exemplary leadership in university governance, diversity initiatives, faculty development, and strategic planning, upholding Virginia Tech's Principles of Community throughout her work; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to the university through her leadership in advancing gender equity, diversity, and inclusion, particularly during her tenure as director of the Women's Center and as interim director of the Office for Equal Opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, she led a number of impactful initiatives while serving as special assistant to the provost which included providing support to the university's strategic planning process, facilitating work on the provost's Task Force on Race and the Institution, and supporting the development of the university's Diversity Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, she served the university's diversity efforts as an inclusion coordinator in the InclusiveVT initiative, tasked with advocating for the revitalization and advancement of inclusion and diversity efforts on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, she played a pivotal role in supporting the university community after the tragic events of April 16, 2007 through her work in the Office of Recovery and Support, aiding affected families, securing federal grants for recovery efforts, and providing essential interpretation services for Spanish-speaking families; and

**WHEREAS**, she served the university and Commonwealth of Virginia through her appointment to the Governor's Task Force on Combatting Campus Sexual Violence in 2014, working to find common solutions to building safer, more educated college communities within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, she served a key role in the development and implementation of numerous university policies and governance initiatives, overseeing the annual review of the Faculty Handbook, providing administrative direction to integration of school of medicine, and advising on the creation of university ombuds function; and

**WHEREAS**, her passion and engagement with policy and shared governance was evident in her work administering and supporting the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs committee of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, and in her engagement in university governance and policy processes, including university commissions, committees, and senates; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in 2006, she served as a member of the faculty in the Higher Education Administration program, teaching and advising both master's and Ph.D. students; and

**WHEREAS**, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to mentoring faculty, staff, and students throughout her career, providing guidance and support that fostered professional growth, leadership development, and academic success, while serving as a trusted advisor to many across the university; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the university through her service on various committees, advocating for underrepresented groups, and promoting initiatives that enhanced the diversity and inclusion of the university's faculty, staff, and students, including her advocacy for the Women's Center and the advancement of women in higher education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Ellen W. Plummer for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Vice Provost Emerita for Academic Administration.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Ellen W. Plummer, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 19, 2024