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November 6, 2017

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RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1991 and continuing for 26 years, Joyce Rothschild, Ph.D., faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member first in the Department of Sociology, and beginning in 2003, in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; and

WHEREAS, with innovation and a multi-disciplinary lens, she taught and lectured in primarily graduate courses with great dedication, focusing on democracy, the democratic governance of the economy, nonprofit organizations and civil society, power and policy in the US; and

WHEREAS, she skillfully and with much dedication directed dozens of master's and doctoral students, and served on dozens of master's and doctoral committees for the Department of Sociology and for the Masters of Public and International Affairs (MPIA) program in SPIA, and the SPIA Doctoral program in Planning Governance and Globalization; and

WHEREAS, through her work on the prospects for developing non-hierarchical and cooperative organizations at the community level and her development of the theory of the "collectivist-democratic" organization, and her research on managerial retaliation against whistleblowers, she brought national and international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, she authored or co-authored over 30 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and reviews; and

WHEREAS, she chaired the committee to establish a new degree in SPIA in Nonprofit and Non-Governmental Organizational Management, and she served on multiple committees to establish programs and degrees when SPIA was created, and she served on multiple occasions on promotion and tenure committees, search committees, curriculum committees, and more to build and advance the program in Government and International Affairs and SPIA; and

WHEREAS, she served the work of professional organizations, including Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action; and

WHEREAS, she received many professional honors and awards, including the outstanding teaching recognition by the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, and the C. Wright Mills Award for Most Excellent book of the year in Sociology for her book, "The Cooperative Workplace: Potentials and Dilemmas of Organizational Democracy and Participation"; 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 Joyce Rothschild, Ph.D. for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of the School of Public and International Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Joyce Rothschild for emerita status be approved.

November 6, 2017
RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1992 and continuing for 25 years, Michael Gregg faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Engineering Education in the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to the Engineering Fundamentals (EF) and Engineering Education programs including co-founding programs in the early part of the plan of study including the EF take-apart lab and the Rising Freshman Abroad Program, and activity in the American Society for Engineering Education First-Year Program Division and Director of the Green Engineering Program; and

WHEREAS, he ably served the community as an advocate for Floyd County Schools; and

WHEREAS, he supported the "hands-on, minds-on" approach to education by co-founding and directing the Frith Lab; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught thousands of engineers via a wide variety of undergraduate courses ranging across the engineering fundamentals and engineering education curricula, 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.

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

RECOMMENDATION:
That the above resolution recommending Michael Gregg for emeritus status be approved.

November 6, 2017
RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1993 and continuing for 24 years, Marlene M. Preston, Ph.D. served faithfully Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Communication in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; and

WHEREAS, she served the department in various administrative positions including assistant department head, director of undergraduate programs, director of communication skills, director of CommLab and director of public speaking; and

WHEREAS, she served for 12 years in various part-time positions in the Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research (formerly Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching) including assistant director, coordinator of the University Writing Program, Faculty Fellow and program coordinator; and

WHEREAS, she received several university awards including an Award for Excellence in Career Advising, the University XCaliber Award for Technology, the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and Certificate of Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, she was inducted into the Virginia Tech Academy of Faculty Service and the Academy of Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, she won several professional awards including the Grand Award for Innovation from the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education for Course Design, the Program of Excellence Award from the Basic Course Division of the National Communication Association, and two Communication Centers Section Service Awards of the National Communication Association; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions in the discipline of communication pedagogy, being recognized as one of the leading authorities in instructional development and innovation in oral and written communication, and

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

WHEREAS, with dedication, she taught a wide variety of undergraduate courses ranging from communication skills and virtual public speaking to interpersonal communication and international perspectives on communication; and

WHEREAS, she advised and mentored countless undergraduate students helping them to be successful at school, life and in careers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Marlene M. Preston for her distinguished service to the university with the title Associate Professor Emerita of Communication.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Marlene M. Preston, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 6, 2017
RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1980 and continuing for 36 years, Dr. Marjorie J. T. Norton 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 as a researcher with an Agriculture Experiment Station appointment in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, she taught undergraduate and graduate courses on consumer economics of apparel and textiles, global trade policies in clothing and textiles, and international sourcing of apparel and textiles; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized for her teaching excellence by receiving the W. E. Wine Award for Teaching Excellence; and

WHEREAS, she advised 18 doctoral students, 14 Master’s students, and many undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS, she made significant contributions to the understanding of clothing and textiles research on economic and trade policies, consumer economics, manufacturing, and merchandising; and

WHEREAS, she ably consulted with many textile and apparel companies and provided expert testimony in apparel safety; and

WHEREAS, she supported the scientific research enterprise as a member of the editorial boards of the scholarly journals Clothing and Textiles Research Journal and Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal and as a frequent reviewer for national and international journals and conferences; and

WHEREAS, she served as an officer and was active in numerous other roles in professional organizations and was recognized as a Fellow of the International Textile and Apparel Association; and

WHEREAS, she provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, college, and university by serving as a department head and through dedicated service on numerous committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Marjorie J. T. Norton for her distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emerita of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management and Agricultural and Applied Economics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Marjorie J.T. Norton, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

November 6, 2017
RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in 1983 and continuing for 33 years, Michael S. Leib, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Science in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine; and

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

WHEREAS, he directed master's and doctoral students, and served on 16 master's and two doctoral committees; and

WHEREAS, he was principal or co-principal investigator on 45 grants researching small animal gastroenterology and internal medicine; and

WHEREAS, through his work in small animal gastrointestinal endoscopy, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, he authored or co-authored over 83 refereed journal articles, 37 book chapters, and multiple reviews, and co-edited one textbook; and

WHEREAS, he chaired the departmental peer review of teaching committee and served on the faculty association executive board, the companion animal research focus unit, two curriculum review task forces, the Wine Award and Alumni Teaching Award selection committees, multiple terms on the college and departmental promotion and tenure committees, the large animal and Equine Medical Center programmatic and department head reviews, the Small Animal Clinical Sciences department head review, as president of Phi Zeta, the pet memorial fund, and multiple search committees faculty and administration; and

WHEREAS, he held leadership positions in professional organizations, including the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine’s certification examination committee (including small animal chairman), the credentials appeals committee, the nomination committee, the North American Veterinary Community small animal program co-chair, the American Animal Hospital Association student committee, three terms as the Western Veterinary Conference GI program coordinator, American Veterinary Medical Association internal medicine program coordinator; and

WHEREAS, he received many professional honors and awards, including the William E. Wine Award for Teaching, the Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teaching Award, was a four-time recipient of the Class Teacher of the Year, received a Certificate of Teaching Excellence from the Academy of Teaching Excellence, a Medical Education Research Certificate of Teaching Excellence, the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Alumnus award, the Dorsey Taylor Mahin award for Clinical Excellence, and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Director’s Award for Clinical Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Michael S. Leib for his distinguished service to the university with the title Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending Michael S. Leib, DVM for emeritus status be approved.

November 6, 2017
RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, beginning in August 1977 and continuing for 40, John M. Pinkerton, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Finance, Insurance and Business Law in the Pamplin College of Business; and

WHEREAS, he made significant contributions to research through publications in outstanding journals that contributed to the stature of the department and the university, and brought international visibility to Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, with dedication, he taught more than 20 courses representing a variety of undergraduate and graduate instruction ranging across the finance curriculum, while placing strong emphasis on standards and student learning; and

WHEREAS, he advised numerous students on master's theses 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 commissions and committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Visitors recognizes John M. Pinkerton, Ph.D. for his distinguished service to the university with the title Suntrust Professor Emeritus of Finance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution recommending John Pinkerton, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

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