

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 2006-2007:09

Emeritus Status for Professor Jouett Lynn (“Doc”) Powell

- Whereas Doc Powell has served Christopher Newport University with singular distinction on both the instructional faculty, 12 years, and the administrative faculty, 17 years, beginning in 1978 until his retirement in June, 2007, and
- Whereas, early in his career at CNU Doc Powell developed the first plan for offerings in religious studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and
- Whereas, Doc Powell was honored by Summer Grants on two occasions from the National Endowment of the Humanities, and a third from the Virginia Endowment for the Humanities and Public Policy, and
- Whereas throughout his career Doc Powell has served consistently on such important university committees as, to name but a few, the Dean’s Task Force on the Core Curriculum, the Honors Program Council, the Ad Hoc Curriculum Task Force, the Curriculum Committee, Chair of the Writing Proficiency Assessment Committee, the Committee for the Assessment of General Education, and numerous search committees, and
- Whereas through seventeen years of significant change at CNU, Doc Powell provided excellence and continuity in the university’s administration by serving as Dean of the School of Letters and Natural Sciences from 1983-1992, as both Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and as the first Director of Graduate Studies from 1992-1995, as Acting Provost in 1995-1996, and as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 1996-2000, and
- Whereas, in spite of heavy administrative responsibilities Doc Powell continued to teach one course in most semesters, and to produce reviews, articles, presentations to conferences and to a large number of local groups in the university and community, and
- Whereas Doc Powell’s chairmanship of the Academic Culture Committee in 1998-9 led to significant recommendations such as the establishment of a General Education Council and the requirement for writing-intensive courses, and prompted further curricular reforms that have more recently been adopted, and
- Whereas Doc Powell’s contribution to higher education at CNU and to the wider educational community has been recognized by Who’s Who in American Education, and Who’s Who in America, and
- Whereas in both his instructional and administrative work with us over the years, the quality and value of Doc Powell’s intellectual and professional collegiality has

contributed so immeasurably to the quality of life for his students and colleagues at CNU that we are left with more than a tinge of regret that his active time with us is ending,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University hereby recommends that the title of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon Jouett Lynn Powell, B.A., B.D., M.Phil., Ph.D., with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.