

**Faculty Senate Resolution #####**  
**The Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science**  
**February 4, 2008**

**Recommendation of *Emeritus* Status for Dr. Harold N. Cones**

**Whereas**, Dr. Harold N. Cones, Distinguished Professor of Biology, arrived at Christopher Newport College in 1968 and was instrumental in the growth and evolution of both the Biology Department and the institution in the intervening 40 years until his retirement at the close of the spring semester, 2008; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cones has left his mark as an outstanding educator in the fields of biology and environmental science with numerous awards and commendations from both within the University and from outside organizations — President's Award for Outstanding Teaching, Alumni Association Outstanding Professor, Ohaus/National Association of Biology Teachers National Creative Teaching Award, Maryville College Alumni Citation, Conservation Award from the Woodmen of the World, Christopher Newport University Teaching Fellow; was a major developer of the University's first graduate program and taught its first course; and has been known for the innovations and breadth of knowledge he has brought to his courses throughout his years in the classroom and in the field from the rocky shores of Canada to the Everglades of Florida and all points between; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cones has made outstanding contributions to this institution and our local, national and worldwide community; helped landscape the early campus and build the department's greenhouse; has served on essentially all of the University's committees, often as chair; was the founding father of the Graduate Program and the Faculty Senate; served as chair of what is now the Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science Department for 27+ years and has overseen its growth from a faculty of seven to its present 22 with degrees awarded in biology, chemistry, and environmental science; has known and worked successfully with every president of this institution; has been the main reason a very large number of students have CNC/CNU degrees and have gone on to be successful in a diversity of professions; was the University's second faculty member to receive the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award; was the University's first active faculty member to attain the rank of Distinguished Professor; has been active in the shortwave field and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of North American Radio Clubs; has been the environmental and educational consultant for the Mariners' Museum; has served on and chaired numerous committees at the local, regional, and national levels, e.g., Newport News Environmental Commission, Wetlands Board, Lower Bay Advisory Council for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, National Advisory Board for Resources in Science Education; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cones has an extensive history of scholarship that is in topics from teaching and learning to marine biology to history of technology to postcards to environmental science to natural history in the form of scientific papers and popular press articles to books; has promoted environmental awareness as Dr. Earth; has been an in-demand speaker for many years; has become an in-demand naturalist for bus- and cruise-based ecotourism activities; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Cones has devoted 40 years of his life to academic and professional activities in the field of biology and environmental science at Christopher Newport College/University; has made "the-best-damn-BBQ-you-have-tasted", Hawaiian shirts, flamingos, and a great education

synonymous with his department; the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science unanimously recommends to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost of the University that we continue Dr. Cones' professional association with the university beyond the date of his retirement; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science hereby requests that the title of *Distinguished Professor Emeritus* be conferred upon Harold N. Cones, B.S., M.A., Ph.D., with all of the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.

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