

Faculty Senate Resolution 2005-06-2

Emeritus status for A. Martin Buoncristiani

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- Whereas, Alfred Martin Buoncristiani, Professor of Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering, has served Christopher Newport University with singular dedication and effectiveness for more than thirty-one years, from August, 1974 through his retirement on December 17, 2005; and
- Whereas, In this time and with unswerving devotion to his students and to his University, Professor Buoncristiani has been a creative and inspiring teacher and mentor; a valued, learned, and respected colleague; and a versatile academic citizen who has chaired the Department of Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering; served as the University's first Director of Graduate Studies; and directed the affairs of the University at the Applied Research Center; and
- Whereas, Professor Buoncristiani has, throughout his career, been a consistent contributor to the scholarship of his discipline, with more than one hundred publications in journals, conference proceedings, and book chapters; more than one hundred fifty presentations at scientific and technical meetings; more than three million dollars in research grants from the NASA-Langley Research Center alone; and
- Whereas, Professor Buoncristiani's career has brought to him and to his University significant academic and professional recognitions, including appointment as a National Research Council Senior Faculty Fellow; receipt of the NASA Public Service Medal and the NASA Group Achievement Award, both for his work on the development of advanced laser systems; appointment as a summer research fellow by numerous organizations, including the National Science Foundation, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Canadian Mathematical Congress, and the Argonne National Laboratory; and receipt of the Christopher Newport University Outstanding Faculty Award for 1988-1989; and
- Whereas, Professor Buoncristiani is recognized by his colleagues as representing the finest characteristics of the academic profession; and
- Whereas, In light of such service and accomplishments, his decision to retire from the Faculty of Christopher Newport University has caused the Department of Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering; and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to recommend that his long

professional association with Christopher Newport University be continued beyond the date of his retirement;

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University hereby recommends that the title of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon A. Martin Buoncristiani, B.S., Ph.D., with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.

Sponsors: Peter Knipp and David Doughty