

Faculty Senate Resolution 2006-07:6

FACULTY EMERITUS RESOLUTION: Department of Mathematics (Updated 1.17.07)

**Emeritus Status for Dr. Richard Marion Summerville  
Provost and Distinguished Professor of Mathematics**

**Whereas, Richard Summerville, University Provost and Distinguished Professor of Mathematics has served the university with integrity and distinction as Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Vice – president of Academic Affairs and Distinguished Professor of Mathematics during his twenty-seven years at Christopher Newport University, and**

**Whereas, Dr. Summerville has exhibited extraordinary leadership and steadying influence during the university’s passage from college to university status, from commuter to residential institution, and from a local to an increasingly regional and nationally recognized academic community, and**

**Whereas, Dr. Summerville has remained a steadfast advocate for university faculty and overseen, during his administrative leadership, the growth of faculty from one hundred and three to its current level of two hundred and twenty-six, the development of high performance standards and evaluation, and significant faculty development, including Faculty Development Grants and sabbatical leaves, and**

**Whereas, Dr. Summerville has engendered the respect and trust of his colleagues state-wide and on this campus, advancing self-governance in the faculty, and in particular becoming one of the chief architects of benchmarking faculty salaries throughout the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, leading, in particular to the increasing financial well-being and reputation of this university’s faculty, and**

**Whereas, Dr. Summerville has maintained an active scholarly life through the the publication of articles in his field and membership in the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, and been recognized for his achievements through Honorary membership in Pi Mu Epsilon, Epsilon Delta Pi, Phi Sigma Pi mathematical societies, and Omicron Delta Kappa, The National Leadership Honorary Society, and**

**Whereas, Dr. Summerville selflessly returned to academic administration, after five years teaching mathematics from 1996-2001, to lead the university again as Dean of the College and Provost and Dean of the Faculty, during the university’s most fertile years in the development of a dynamic liberal learning core and the development of a Chemistry Major, and Departments of Leadership and American Studies, Department of Communication Studies, separate Departments of Fine Art and Art History, Music, and Theater and Dance, and the revitalized and expanded Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, and**

**Whereas, in the words of the university President, Dr. Summerville is a person of unquestioned intellectual stature, a person of significant achievement in both the academic and administrative arenas, a person who both respects our institutional history and embraces our institutional future, and a person who enjoys unqualified respect as an educator and academic leader, not just on this campus, but throughout the Commonwealth and beyond, and**

**Whereas, he has been known to all those who have closely worked with him as the grand master of all the details of university operation, a “wizard” of the algorithm, an articulate disciple of the beauties and elegance of mathematics, the author of legendary memos, a man of great good wit and humor, and a wise and caring mentor, and**

**Whereas, in the light of such distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to Christopher Newport University and his decision to retire, the faculty of the Department of Mathematics, and The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, have recommended that his relationship to the 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 Richard Marion Summerville, B.S., A.M. and Ph.D. with all the rights, honors, and privileges thereunto.**