

Faculty Senate Resolution 2010-2011-09
Recommendation of *Emeritus* Status for Dr. George Randolph Webb

Whereas: Dr. George Randolph Webb, Professor of Physics and Chief Information Officer has served Christopher Newport University for more than 37 years as professor, chair, dean, special assistant to the President, and chief information officer, excelling in all capacities; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb has been a leader throughout his career, teaching innovative Physics classes, creating the Physics major at CNU, later designing and implementing the Computer Engineering major, and bringing his department and college alive by way of his energy, talent, enthusiasm and expertise; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb has built partnerships throughout the Peninsula, resulting in millions of dollars in grants coming to CNU, has implemented programs at national laboratories, has created outreach programs, and has worked with local industry on countless projects, with students and with faculty; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb established the Applied Physics and Computer Science Master's program, voted as one of the nation's top Applied Physics programs by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and helped create the Master of Science in Environmental Science program; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb, as a beloved dean of the College of Science and Technology, served as a mentor to faculty, furnishing ideas, providing support, and creating a spirit of energy, camaraderie, and productivity; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb has supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics throughout campus as an instructor, chair, dean, and CIO, bringing technology to the classroom and to the university in myriad ways, including establishing the first internet connection to Christopher Newport University, introducing Maple to mathematics classrooms, and adopting the predecessor of classroom response systems, or clickers; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb successfully implemented PeopleSoft and Banner, thus overcoming earlier failed attempts to bring CNU's reporting system into an automated, single sign-on, integrated system for all faculty and staff; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb has managed IT Services deftly through innumerable changes and challenges, overseeing IT staff and multiple platforms that run CNU's administrative and academic systems; and

Whereas: Dr. Webb has served in all of these capacities with kindness, intelligence, wisdom, and humor;

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Department of Physics, Computer Science & Engineering hereby unanimously recommends that the title of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon Dr. George

Randolph Webb, in the best and most stringent traditions, with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.