

FACULTY RESOLUTION 2005-2006-4

Emeritus Status for Professor Robert J. Durel

- Whereas, Robert John Durel, Professor of Sociology has served Christopher Newport University with singular dedication and effectiveness for thirty-five years, from August, 1971 through his retirement in May, 2006; and
- Whereas, in this time and with unswerving devotion to his students, his colleagues, the University and his discipline, Professor Durel has been an inspiring mentor, a valued and highly respected colleague; and a resourceful member of the academic community who has served multiple terms as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology; served as Dean of the School of Social Science and Professional Studies from 1982 to 1989, during which time he was instrumental in the development of the undergraduate education and nursing programs, served as chair of numerous important faculty committees, served two terms as President of the Faculty Senate, and served in numerous other offices across the campus, and
- Whereas, Professor Durel has been an excellent and versatile classroom teacher, teaching courses at every level of the curriculum, from introductory Sociology and social science courses to graduate courses in organizational theory and,
- Whereas, Professor Durel has been instrumental in developing and expanding the course offerings of the Department, especially in the areas of sociological theory, urban and industrial sociology, social stratification and the sociology of religion; and in designing and teaching the first senior capstone course for the sociology major, which has since become the central course in the sociology curriculum, and
- Whereas, for the 1989-90 academic year, Professor Durel was appointed as a Fulbright Scholar to assist with the undergraduate and graduate programs in sociology at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, and, in 1991, he was appointed an academic specialist with the United States Information Agency and returned to Nigeria for the summer, and
- Whereas Professor Durel has made numerous presentations to professional meetings and has participated in post-graduate programs at Harvard University and with the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii, and has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, and served for five years as editor of the *Virginia Social Science Journal*, and
- Whereas Professor Durel has been active member in professional associations including the Southern Sociological Society, the Society for the Scientific Study

of Religion, and the Virginia Social Science Association and has served as president of the VSSA during 1993-94.

- Whereas, throughout his career, Professor Durel has been a highly respected, deeply involved, and thoroughly committed scholar-teacher, and has taught with distinction, has been instrumental in building and managing an academic department, and has served the university and the community tirelessly, and
- Whereas, in the light of such service and accomplishment, his decision to retire from the Faculty of Christopher Newport University has caused the Department of Sociology and Anthropology 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 Robert John Durel, A.A., B.A., M.A., Ph.D., with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.