

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 2006-2007 - 05

Emeritus Status for Professor Virginia Purtle

- Whereas, Virginia Purtle, Professor of Sociology has served Christopher Newport University with singular dedication and effectiveness from August, 1989 through her retirement in June, 2007; and
- Whereas, in this time and with unswerving devotion to her students, her colleagues, the University and her discipline, Professor Purtle has been an inspiring mentor, a valued and highly respected colleague and member of the academic community, and
- Whereas, Professor Purtle served as Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Professional Studies from 1989 to 1996, during which time she was instrumental in the development of numerous programs including the first graduate programs at Christopher Newport University, the nursing program, the legal studies program and music performance programs, and
- Whereas, Professor Purtle has received many awards in recognition of her outstanding contributions, including the Virginia Purtle scholarship awarded by the Women's Music Consortium (Sigma Alpha Iota) and the Virginia Purtle Award for Outstanding Sociology Student Research Paper, and
- Whereas, after her appointment to the full time faculty in 1996, Professor Purtle was been an excellent and versatile classroom teacher, and
- Whereas, Professor Purtle has been instrumental in developing the course offerings of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, especially in the areas of the sociology of the family and in the design and teaching of the departmental senior capstone course for the sociology major, and
- Whereas, Professor Purtle has served the faculty and the university tirelessly, and has served two terms as President of the Faculty Senate, and served a key role on the Budget Advisory Committee during a time when the University was under severe financial pressure, and served as co-chair of the committee responsible for developing the Strategic Plan, and co-chaired the committee for Student Success and Retention Planning, and led the development of a program which decreased the percentage of students on academic probation by 23.8% between Fall, 2004 and Fall, 2005, and
- Whereas, Professor Purtle, in her role as Vice Provost, has made numerous contributions to strengthening the academic support programs of the university, and

- Whereas, in the light of such service and accomplishment, her 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 her long professional association with Christopher Newport University be continued beyond the date of her retirement,

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