

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 2016-2017-XX
Emeritus Status for Professor Marsha Sprague

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served as an integral and committed member of the Christopher Newport University instructional faculty and community for 25 years, arriving at Christopher Newport University in 1992 when the Department of Education consisted of eight faculty. In 2003 she joined the Department of English and created and directed the Teacher Preparation Program, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served her discipline with great distinction as a scholar, mentor, and faculty member for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has contributed to her discipline by co-authoring two books on adolescent literacy and aesthetic education, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has contributed to her discipline by publishing more than thirty articles on adolescent literature, teacher leadership, overseas internships for teachers, and mentoring teachers in *Classroom Leadership*, *Teacher Educator Journal*, *The Clearing House*, *Current Issues in Middle Level Education*, *Contemporary Education*, *Teaching Education*, *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* and other nationally known scholarly journals, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has contributed to her discipline by presenting and chairing more than 20 papers at international, national, and local conferences, such as National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Association of Teacher Educators, International Reading Association, Virginia Educational Research Association, Excellence in Education Conference, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague is a respected expert in the fields of Educational Pedagogy, Adolescent Literature, Content Literacy, and Classroom Management, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague served as Treasurer and Board Member of the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (VACTE) 2011-present, External evaluator for education program at Lynchburg College, 2013, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague served Chair of state accreditation team for evaluating the education program at Mary Washington University, Fall 2012, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague served Secretary of the Special Interest Group on Classroom Management of the Association of Teacher Educators, 2010-2016, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served her discipline and Christopher Newport University with great distinction as Program Coordinator of the Masters of Arts in Teaching, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served her discipline and Christopher Newport University with great distinction having developed and directed The Teacher Preparation Program, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served the University well by serving as Principal Lead Investigator and being awarded five grants from the Virginia Department of Education totaling over \$175,000, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served the University well by creating and directing a partnership with Newport News Public Schools to provide all laboratory/field work in their school division of over 30 schools, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served the University well by being CNU faculty advisor for Phi Lambda Theta (education honor society) from 2008-2012, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served the University well by being faculty advisor for Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honor society) from 2007-2010

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served CNU and the Department of English by collaborating with Gildersleeve Middle School to create and promote an after-school book club for middle school girls, and incorporate “Poetry Alive” in the English curriculum, and

WHEREAS Marsha Sprague has served CNU and the Department of English by establishing two ongoing Study Abroad Programs, one in Belize and one in Panama, for teacher candidates, and

WHEREAS in the light of such distinguished scholarship, leadership, and service to Christopher Newport University and her decision to retire, the faculty of the Department of English and The Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities have recommended that her relationship to the 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 Marsha Sprague, Ed.D., University of Miami, with all the rights, honors, and privileges attendant to such status.