

## **Faculty Senate Resolution 2010-2011-04**

### **Recommendation of *Emerita* Status for Dr. Stavroula Kostaki-Gailey**

**Whereas**, Dr. Stavroula Kostaki-Gailey, Professor of Mathematics, will retire from the service of Christopher Newport University at the close of the 2010-2011 academic year following thirty-seven years of devoted service first to Christopher Newport College and then to Christopher Newport University and the Department of Mathematics; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey is a master teacher who has instructed and inspired her students and colleagues on a daily basis and instilled in her students a love of education so that they could, in turn, go out and teach and inspire students; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey has an extensive history of teaching mathematics in K-12 and teaching students to teach in K-12 and she taught mathematics in grades 4-12 from 1967 to 1972 in North Carolina and received her Ed.D. in 1978 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina, was in the Basic Studies Department/Mathematics at Christopher Newport College from 1974 until 1980 when she joined the Mathematics Department where she was promoted to Full Professor in 1993 and since 2004 was the leader and mainstay of the Mathematics Master of Arts in Teaching program and in that program has sent many well-prepared students into the field of teaching mathematics and was awarded the Virginia Mathematics Teacher of the Year at the College/University level in 2009; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey has distinguished herself with an extensive history of professional activity including a Fulbright Fellowship for the spring semester of 2008, twenty-seven presentations/workshops in just the last fifteen years, six articles and books, and has been the principal investigator on nine grants totaling over three hundred and eighty thousand dollars, served as referee/reviewer for the Teaching Children Mathematics Journal of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Journal of Information Technology; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey has actively served the community in particular at the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church where she was Director of Education (1980-1993 and 2000-present) and also on the Parish council from 1986 to 1993 and 2002 to 2006, received the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Peninsula Chapter in 1993; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey has provided service to the College and then the University as among other things the Chair of the Mathematics Department from 1987 to 1993, and is a recognized spokesperson for mathematics education; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Kostaki-Gailey has with distinction and integrity devoted her career to enriching the academy and the lives of students, faculty and the community for almost three decades, the Department of Mathematics unanimously recommends to the Faculty Senate, the Provost, and the President of Christopher Newport University that we continue Dr. Kostaki-Gailey's professional association with the University beyond the date of her retirement;; therefore be

**Resolved** that the Department of Mathematics hereby requests that the title of Professor Emerita, A.A., B.A., M.A., Ed.D. with all the rights, honors and privileges attendant to such status.

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