

## **SUMMARY**

### **Emeritus/Emerita Faculty Resolutions (8)**

**June 2, 2025**

The title of emeritus or emerita is conferred on retired Virginia Tech faculty members, as defined in chapter 2 of the Faculty Handbook, who have made exemplary contributions to the university and are recommended to the Board of Visitors for approval by the provost and president.

The following faculty members are recommended for emeritus or emerita designation at Virginia Tech.

#### **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (1)**

Darrell Bosch

Professor Emeritus of Agricultural  
and Applied Economics

#### **Pamplin College of Business (1)**

Raymond Major

Associate Professor Emeritus of  
Business Information Technology

#### **College of Science (4)**

John Allen Burns

Hatcher Professor Emeritus of Mathematics

Neil Hauenstein

Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology

Ina Hoeschele

Professor Emerita of Statistical Genetics

Eric P. Smith

Professor Emeritus of Statistics

#### **Admin (2)**

Zebulon (Van) Coble

Assistant Professor Emeritus for Academic Space

Tracy Vosburgh

Vice President Emerita for Communications  
and Marketing

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 40 years, Darrell Bosch, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught undergraduate and graduate courses in analytical methods, applied microeconomic theory, research project planning, environmental and resources economics, watershed assessment, management, and policy; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as advisor or co-advisor for ten doctoral dissertations, 21 master's theses, as a committee member for numerous other graduate students, and helped students prepare for successful careers in academia, government, and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to the discipline, the profession, the nation, and Commonwealth through his work in Environmental and Resource Economics, focusing on nonpoint pollution impacts on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored over 60 refereed journal articles, books, and book chapters, and made over 35 invited presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal or co-principal investigator on grants totaling more than \$16M; and

**WHEREAS**, he made leadership, committee, and review contributions to professional organizations, including the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA); and

**WHEREAS**, he received many professional honors and awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Darrell Bosch for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Darrell Bosch, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, Raymond Major, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Business Information Technology in the Pamplin College of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, he has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in his teaching, research, and service responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, as a faculty member in the Department of Business Information Technology, he was an outstanding teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, placing a strong emphasis on student learning; and

**WHEREAS**, he actively engaged with the local community through various outreach programs, including organizing workshops and seminars for local businesses and non-profit organizations, and mentoring students in community service projects; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant research contributions, authoring or co-authoring more than 12 scholarly publications and refereed journal articles; and

**WHEREAS**, he served in a number of important offices and on numerous professional committees at regional and national levels, including the Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) and the National and Southeast Regions of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS); and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, the college, and the university through dedicated service on numerous committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Raymond Major for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Business Information Technology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Raymond Major, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, John Allen Burns, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, he has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in his teaching, research, and service responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, he made significant contributions to applied mathematics through his work on computational methods for modeling, control, estimation and optimization of complex systems where spatially distributed information is essential; and

**WHEREAS**, he disseminated his results in nearly 200 papers and numerous talks delivered in at least 23 countries on five continents; and

**WHEREAS**, he has supervised the Ph.D. theses of more than two dozen students; and

**WHEREAS**, interest in his work led to his holding visiting appointments at the University of Graz, Clemson University, the University of Trier, and the University of Southern California, as well as consulting positions at over half a dozen private or governmental firms; and

**WHEREAS**, he responsibly served the university and professional communities, including as director of the Center for Optimal Design and Control, technical director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Applied Mathematics, and program advisor for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a patient teacher and doctoral advisor who provided guidance and mentoring to students at all levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. John Allen Burns for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Hatcher Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending John Allen Burns, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years, Neil Hauenstein, Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology in the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a revered teacher of undergraduate and graduate courses and has provided exceptional mentoring beyond the classroom, including 12 years of service as director of the Industrial/Organizational Graduate Training Program in Psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, he has served as a mentor and advisor for over 30 graduate students including M.S. and Ph.D. advising, providing guidance and support in their academic and research pursuits, and has contributed to numerous M.S. and Ph.D. committees in Psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, he has received several grant awards, including funding from the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ), the U.S. Department of Education, and the Army Research Institute, supporting advancements in the study of leadership and curricular design; and

**WHEREAS**, through his outreach efforts, including consultations on organizational development, he has enhanced the international visibility of Virginia Tech and contributed to the advancement of psychological research and practice; and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored more than 50 publications, technical reports, and editorials, making significant contributions to the field of Psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a Fellow of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) and a Charter Member of the Association for Psychological Science (APS), and has demonstrated active involvement in these professional societies, furthering the field through his service and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, he has provided many years of distinguished service to the department, the college, and the university through his dedicated service on numerous commissions and committees, including his participation on College of Science curriculum committees that have shaped educational excellence at Virginia Tech;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Neil Hauenstein for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Psychology.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Neil Hauenstein, Ph.D., for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 36 years, Ina Hoeschele, Ph. D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Dairy Science in the College of Agriculture, in the Department of Statistics in the College of Science, and in the Biocomplexity Institute at Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, she has upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community in her research, teaching, and service responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, she made significant contributions to livestock, plant, and human genomics through her work on statistical methodology and large-scale data analyses in major collaborative projects; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the principal investigator on numerous grants and subcontracts from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and multiple biotechnology companies; and

**WHEREAS**, she provided funding for and advised numerous Ph.D. and M.S. students, as well as postdoctoral fellows, and helped them develop successful careers in academia and the pharmaceutical and biotechnology settings; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored or co-authored 110 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, she taught multiple courses in statistical genetics and genomics, as well as in statistics at Virginia Tech, and multiple short courses at national and international conferences in the US and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, she reviewed many grant applications and research papers and served as a consultant to multiple biotechnology companies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Ina Hoeschele for her distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emerita of Statistical Genetics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Ina Hoeschele, Ph.D. for emerita status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for over 42 years, Eric P. Smith Ph.D. faithfully served Virginia Tech as a faculty member in the Department of Statistics in the College of Science; and

**WHEREAS**, he demonstrated a commitment to the Principles of Community in his work with students and colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he taught and lectured with dedication in undergraduate and graduate courses; and

**WHEREAS**, he directed over 20 doctoral students and served on numerous master's and doctoral committees in statistics and other departments; and

**WHEREAS**, he was principal investigator or co-investigator on over 30 contracts and grants; and

**WHEREAS**, he brought international visibility to Virginia Tech through his work with The International Environmetrics Society (TIES); and

**WHEREAS**, he authored or co-authored more than 100 refereed journal articles and book chapters; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as associate editor for several top journals in the fields of statistics and environmental statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, he supported the teaching mission of the university through the development and successful approval of the Computational Modeling and Data Analytics degree program and the M.A. degree program in Data Analysis and Applied Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on several governmental advisory committees including the National Academy of Science (NAS) panels on restoration of the Everglades and on the technical advisory board for the Chesapeake Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, he provided many years of distinguished contributions to the department, including as department head from 2007-2015 and 2023-2024, and to the college and university through dedicated service on many committees and through collaborative service as director of the Statistical Consulting Center from 1995-2004;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Dr. Eric P. Smith for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Professor Emeritus of Statistics.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Eric P. Smith, Ph.D. for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025

## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITUS STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for 19 years, Zebulon (Van) Coble, faithfully served Virginia Tech, first serving as a senior project manager for new capital construction in University Design and Construction, and later as the first assistant provost for academic space in the Office of Academic Resource Management, sharing a wealth of expertise in architectural design and space planning; and

**WHEREAS**, he upheld Virginia Tech's Principles of Community through his commitment to improving the university's classroom and instructional laboratory spaces to create a climate for learning based on mutual respect and understanding in support of evolving teaching and learning methods; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his role in the Provost's Office, he distinguished himself as a senior project manager in University Design and Construction, leading the development of major university projects, including the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute, Institute for Critical Technology and Applied Science (ICTAS) I and II, Henderson Hall, Theatre 101, Upper Quad Residential Facilities, Housing and Residence Life Building (HABB) I, Bishop-Favrao Hall, Davidson Hall, Graduate Life Center, Latham Hall, and the Moss Arts Center; and

**WHEREAS**, he made exemplary contributions to the strategic management of academic spaces, working with partners across campus to develop the University Space Management Policy, a foundational policy that ensures the effective management of over 14 million square feet of university-owned and leased spaces and physical assets to support decision-making around Campus Master Plan and Strategic Plan priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication, he provided administrative leadership to transform existing and future learning spaces, integrating advanced technologies to enhance student and faculty experiences in numerous high-profile projects including the Creativity and Innovation District, the New Classroom Building, the Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building, the Data and Decision Sciences Building, and Hitt Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, he leveraged \$1M in annual funding allocations to support approximately 30 classroom improvement projects annually, with a total project value of \$2.5 to \$3M, supporting colleges and departments in finding creative solutions to address their unique needs including the 100 McBryde renovation, the renovation of War Memorial Hall, and the multi-faceted temporary relocation of Randolph Hall occupants displaced during the four-five year period required to construct Mitchell Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, as a licensed architect with experience in both the private and public sectors, he brought both technical expertise from public sector projects and an individual sense of placemaking from his private sector experience to Virginia Tech, evidenced in the many projects he left his mark on that have improved the campus for students, faculty, and staff alike for generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Zebulon (Van) Coble for his distinguished service to the university with the title of Assistant Provost Emeritus for Academic Space.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Zebulon (Van) Coble for emeritus status be approved.

June 3, 2025



## **RESOLUTION FOR EMERITA STATUS**

**WHEREAS**, for nine years, Tracy Vosburgh, faithfully served Virginia Tech with dedication and distinction as senior associate vice president for university relations, and later as vice president for communications and marketing in the Advancement Division; and

**WHEREAS**, she was chief communicator for President Tim Sands and advisor to university leadership, serving as a member of the President's Cabinet, President's Council, and Incident Leadership Team; and

**WHEREAS**, under her guidance and leadership, Virginia Tech launched a refreshed brand and visual identity as part of a broader effort to elevate the university's global reputation; and

**WHEREAS**, she introduced the annual State of the University Address to highlight presidential priorities for the university community around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, she created an office of media relations to significantly increase media exposure for Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, established social media policies and practices across campus; and

**WHEREAS**, led the creation of brand guidelines that helped increase licensing revenues that support student scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, with her team of communications professionals, she played pivotal roles in developing the university's sesquicentennial celebration, the launch and execution of the Boundless Impact Campaign, the announcement of Amazon HQ2 and creation of the Innovation Campus in Alexandria; and

**WHEREAS**, she led a years-long campus-wide communications and marketing campaign during the COVID-19 crisis that helped keep the university community safe and informed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, following a charge from university President Sands, she led the integration of the university's communications efforts into a more efficient and fully aligned team based on the success of the Virginia Tech's Advancement model;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Visitors recognizes Tracy Vosburgh for her distinguished and transformative service to the university with the of title Vice President Emerita for Communications and Marketing.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution recommending Tracy Vosburgh for emerita status be approved.

June 3, 2025