

BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS MEETING MOTION

TITLE OF MOTION: Faculty for Emeritus Status Consideration

ACTION REQUESTED: ___FIRST READ X BOARD VOTE

MOTION: The Academic Affairs Committee proposes the following candidates are granted emeritus status:

1. Dr. William Baldwin
Professor of Business Administration for 27 years
2. Dr. William Pollard
Vice President/Dean of the College and Professor of English for 11 years
3. Dr. Richard Rolfes
Professor of Physics for 28 years
4. Dr. Gerald Seebach
Professor of Chemistry for 42 years
5. Dr. David Shannon
Professor of Mathematics for 39 years
6. Dr. Nancy Wolsk
Professor of Art History for 38 years

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Faculty for Emeritus Status Consideration



William T. Baldwin Jr.

Retired May 2015

Professor of Business Administration at Transylvania University for 27 years

Professor Baldwin retired after 27 years of dedicated service to our university. He inspired thousands of students and served as a positive role model to help them reach their potential. Dr. Baldwin's career includes extensive and diverse academic and professional activities, including serving as an expert witness for many of Lexington's premier law firms. His commitment to teaching excellence led him to develop his own textbook for an investment analysis course. He also received a Bingham Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Baldwin served several terms as academic program director, participated in many university service activities, and served as the faculty advisor to Kappa Alpha Order for nearly 25 years.



William F. Pollard

Retired May 2015

Vice President and Dean of the College and Professor of English at Transylvania University for 11 years

Dean Pollard arrived at Transylvania in 2004 as the vice president and dean of the college. He came to Transylvania with ideas about making the college more visible among peer institutions, enhancing faculty scholarship, and developing unique academic programs. Some of these initiatives included the establishment of the Transylvania Seminar, the introduction of Chinese language courses, the development of interdisciplinary majors such as philosophy/politics/economics (PPE) and neuroscience, and the incorporation of more substantial reading into the first-year orientation course. In 2010, he received the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Award from the Council for Independent Colleges, in part for his mentoring of CAOs from other institutions.



Richard G. Rolfes

Retired May 2016

Professor of Physics at Transylvania University for 28 years

Professor Rolfes began teaching at Transylvania in 1988. His proudest pedagogical innovation was integrating lecture and lab so that Transylvania physics students learned theory and immediately conducted experiments during the same class. As an experimental physicist, Dr. Rolfes studied collisions between charged ions and neutral atoms and published widely. He also conducted X-ray fluorescence research in collaboration with Transylvania students. Dr. Rolfes routinely chaired the physics program; regularly served on the Personnel Committee, which he chaired twice; was elected Presiding Officer of the faculty; and served one term as president of the Transylvania chapter of the American Association of University Professors.



Gerald L. Seebach

Retired May 2015

Professor of Chemistry at Transylvania University for 42 years

For 42 years, Dr. Seebach inspired Transylvania students to become doctors, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, optometrists, and chemists. He served Transylvania as chief pre-health advisor, academic program director, and division chair. His accomplishments were many and included receiving the Moosnick Award as well as the Bingham Award for Teaching Excellence. His research interests ranged from electrochemical projects for the Navy, to mass spectroscopy with University of Tennessee researchers, to wine chemistry with scientists at the University of California, Davis; to azo-dye research with Lexmark chemists. He organized May Term travel courses to Germany, Italy, Spain, France, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic during which students learned about topics as varied as the chemical and cultural aspects of chemical manufacturing, wine-making, beer-brewing, and food. He also organized student and alumni forensic trips to the state crime lab and wine tours in California.



David L. Shannon

Retired May 2016

Professor of Mathematics at Transylvania University for 39 years

Over the course of nearly four decades, Dr. Shannon authored numerous publications, taught scores of classes, and mentored hundreds of students. He served as a professor of mathematics, mathematics program director, dean of the college, executive officer of the Kentucky Section of the Mathematical Association of America, SACS compliance coordinator, and Phi Beta Kappa advisor. He was the recipient of a Bingham Award for Teaching Excellence. His career is distinguished in part by the sheer quantity of his contributions to mathematics and the Transylvania community. He was also a devoted friend, confidant, and sounding board to his colleagues.



Nancy Coleman Wolsk

Retired May 2016

Professor of Art History at Transylvania University for 38 years

Over the course of 38 years at Transylvania, Dr. Wolsk served as the director of the Transylvania art gallery, professor of art history, member and leader on many faculty committees, mentor for her colleagues, and scholar. Dr. Wolsk's teaching emphasized critical readings of works of art and architecture in their historical and cultural contexts. To bring those lessons to life, she led students abroad during numerous May Term courses. She also received a Bingham Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Wolsk was also devoted to shaping teaching excellence through promoting personal and scholarly growth among junior faculty. From reading papers and offering constructive critiques, to helping to develop grant proposals, to listening to challenges, goals, and aspirations of both students and faculty members, Dr. Wolsk served the entire Transylvania community.