

Resolutions for Consideration at December 2 meeting of the UFC.  
Submitted by Kristin Marsh, At-Large, 2020-23

**Resolution in recognition of and in gratitude for Dr. John Morello's 31 years of dedicated service to UMW.**

*Whereas*, Dr. Morello (A.B., College of William and Mary; M.A., Northern Illinois University; Ph.D., Wayne State University) has served the University of Mary Washington since 1989;

*Whereas*, Dr. Morello has contributed to Mary Washington through multiple and various responsibilities during his 31-year tenure, including Professor of Speech; Director of the Debate Program; Chair of the Department of English, Linguistics, and Speech; Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Associate Provost of the University of Mary Washington;

*Whereas*, UMW faculty have relied, not only on Dr. Morello's expertise, but also on his generosity of time and attention to detail as he served on many, *many*, college and university committees, first as faculty member, later as *ex officio* member;

*Whereas, as a faculty colleague*, Dr. Morello was instrumental in developing the speaking intensive program at UMW, designing the program and leading workshops to facilitate effective pedagogy in the interest of teaching effective oral communication; was named the Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Faculty Member (1993); was awarded a Jepson Fellowship (1994), and received the Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley Presidential Commendation (2011); co-founded and served as President of the American Debate Association and has been a recipient of their service award (1999); and throughout all of his tenure at UMW, has shown, above all, a dedication to students, faculty, alumni, and the liberal arts mission of the University;

*Whereas*, at its November 2020 meeting, the UMW BOV recognized that, **as Associate Provost for Academic Affairs since 2008**, Dr. Morello has "assisted the Provost in academic planning and policy development, promotion of campus-wide academic initiatives, SCHEV accreditation, external funding and grants management, and academic budgetary development and priorities;" moreover, faculty have attested to his effectiveness as an administrator, including but not limited to the following observations:

- Dr. Morello's guidance with SCHEV has eased change in many instances, such as departmental reorganization, occasional review of major viability, creation of new majors/programs, etc.; further, he has been accreditation liaison for SACS-COC as well as serving the Commission as a frequent reviewer on numerous committees;
- As an *ex officio* member of several university and college committees, Dr. Morello has been credited by faculty for his "ability to run productive meetings that accomplished clear goals, allowed free discussion, were not dominated by his voice, and respected all members' time;"
- As an administrator with precise attention to detail, including in following regulations, whether they be SCHEV, Faculty Handbook, Catalogue, or otherwise stated, Dr. Morello has been said, nevertheless, to be willing "to be flexible when flexibility was in the best interest of a student, a program, the University, or the larger university community;"

- Dr. Morello has served as our single grants officer, helping polish external proposals across disciplines and assuring the highest rate of funding success possible; he has worked to guide student research proposals both internally and with external granting agencies such as the NSF.

*Whereas*, since 1989 and over the past 31 years, Dr. John Morello has contributed immeasurably to the mission, purpose, and viability of the University of Mary Washington and all constituents;

*Therefore, UMW faculty hereby resolve at this, the final meeting of the University Faculty Council before his well-earned retirement, our lasting honor, respect, and gratitude for Dr. John Morello's many contributions and dedicated service to the University of Mary Washington. He will be missed.*