

RESOLUTION FOR

Dr. Dennis Holt

WHEREAS, Dr. Dennis Holt is retiring as Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Research and Assessment after serving as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success from 2003 to 2012 and Dean of Students from 2009 to 2012; and he previously served in various positions since 1976 at Southeast starting as a faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and Religion and being promoted to Professor; serving as Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy and Religion; Founding Director of the Writing Outcomes Program; serving as Assistant, Associate, Vice, Interim, and Acting Provost, Dean of Extended Learning, Executive Director of Southeast Missouri Educational Consortium, and Director of Assessment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holt holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oregon; a Master of Arts degree, where he also served as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, from Cornell University, where his major field of study was Philosophy; and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon, where he majored in Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, he was a pioneer in the classroom, including but not limited to demonstrating both epistemic and metaphysical principles by throwing cups into walls or by serenading students by playing the bagpipes in the hallways of Grauel; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Special Assistant to the President, Dr. Dennis Holt worked to combine the areas of Institutional Research and Assessment, thereby improving the planning, accountability, and service of these areas; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Holt's tenure as Vice President, he was responsible for executive leadership for Information Technology, Institutional Research, Facilities Management, Enrollment Management (Admissions, Residence Life, Dining Services), campus life (Greek Life, Student Government, student activities, University Center, and Student Recreation Services), the Registrar's Office, and the St. Louis Outreach Center; and major initiatives that he was involved with include the development of an institution-wide strategic enrollment management plan, selection and implementation of a new administrative/integrated database system, design and construction of the River Campus, and establishing the plan for conversion of the power plant from coal to natural gas; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Holt's tenure as Vice President, Southeast Missouri State University achieved the largest overall enrollment, the largest freshmen class, and the largest number of minority and international students in the history of the University; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Vice President, new facilities were constructed or enhanced, including The River Campus, home of the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts; student radio station KDMC; KRCU Radio relocated to new and improved studios in Serena; completion of Information Commons – Phases 1 & 2, construction and naming of Vandiver Hall and the construction of another new residence hall (Merick Hall) and the approval of construction of yet another new residence hall on the north side of campus; construction of the Student Aquatic Center; development of the University's "front door" at Broadway and Henderson including the acquisition and development of the former First Baptist Church property to house the Wehking Alumni Center, the Student Recreation Center South, the University's Innovation Center, and the Wehking Alumni Center; and the Southeast Missouri State University Autism Center for Diagnosis and Treatment, to name only a few; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holt has truly been one of the "go-to" people for the University for more than three decades, willing to take on any assignment that is in the best interest of Southeast and our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its appreciation and congratulations to Dr. Dennis Holt for his outstanding service to Southeast Missouri State University by conferring upon him the status of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, and Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success and Dean of Students Emeritus on behalf of the University and its students, faculty, staff, and administration on this second day of May, Two Thousand Fourteen.



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