

RESOLUTION ASA 01-11

MR. GARY GEMMER

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

WHEREAS, colleagues of Gary Gemmer in the Department of Natural Sciences have advanced him for consideration for Emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, university policy 5.18 provides the minimum criteria for consideration of Emeritus status, which it clarifies are not adequate justification for granting Emeritus status, and which are:

- At least ten years of full-time employment with Shawnee State University
- Clear evidence of outstanding teaching and/or administrative services
- Recognized record of professional achievement, growth, and development
- Clear evidence of university service beyond the normal or ordinary expectations
- Retired status; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer taught at Shawnee State University for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer served as president of the Shawnee Education Association during the crucial period when Scioto Technical College merged with Ohio University – Portsmouth to form Shawnee State General and Technical College, and also after becoming a university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer served as University Faculty Association president in 1988-1989, helping to establish the faculty governance structure at the new university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer was chairperson of the Department of Natural Sciences during a period of great growth, and was largely responsible for designing the new university's physics program and brought speakers renowned in their fields to campus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gemmer made a profound contribution to the academic life of the university by single-handedly creating in 2005 "A Celebration of Scholarship," which provides students at the undergraduate level with an opportunity to showcase their research in a professional setting; and

WHEREAS, "A Celebration of Scholarship" has become one of the premier academic events at the university and a lasting testament to Mr. Gemmer's commitment to undergraduate education and research; and

WHEREAS, the Provost and the President strongly recommend this action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees confers the title of Professor Emeritus on Mr. Gary Gemmer, together with all rights and privileges of the position herein granted.

(January 14, 2011)