

Resolution 2017-8: On Appreciation for Bruce A Cairns' Service as Chair of the Faculty, 2014-2017

Whereas Dr. Bruce A. Cairns, the John Stackhouse Distinguished Professor of Surgery, will soon conclude his service as Chair of the Faculty;

Whereas he has done great credit to his alma maters -- the Johns Hopkins University, where he received his BA degree in the Natural Sciences; the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his MD degree; and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he returned to complete his post-graduate surgical training;

Whereas he distinguished himself by serving his country for over nineteen years as a Commissioned Officer and Surgeon in the United States Naval Reserve;

Whereas his love for this University brought him back as a faculty member in 2000;

Whereas he has been engaged in faculty governance since his return, serving terms on the Faculty Council, the Agenda Committee, the Committee on University Government, and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee;

Whereas he has served as Chair of the Faculty with great distinction, as demonstrated by his tireless efforts in the face of extraordinary personal and professional challenges;

Whereas, even while serving in this office, he has continued to advance the other missions of the University in research, teaching, and public service;

Whereas his accomplishments are measured not only by his numerous awards, but also by the lives he has touched as a healer, teacher, and faculty colleague;

Whereas his philosophy can best be summarized in his words: "When stresses happen, I learned that you need to be able to work with people, you need to be able to move forward";

Whereas this resolution does not adequately encapsulate the totality of his impact, but only illustrates some of the indelible marks he has left on Faculty Council and the University;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that we thank him for his service, and that we as faculty will strive to honor his vision of inclusion, growth, and collaboration, ensuring, as he did, that all faculty voices are heard and our institution's needs are met.

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