



## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF JULIANA CONSTANTINESCU**

### **Dr. Juliana Constantinescu (Letters and Sciences)**

Ph.D. State University of Romania, Romania (2011)

M.S. State University - Bucharest, Romania (1977)

B.S. Gas and Oil Institute of Bucharest, Romania (1976)

WHEREAS, Dr. Juliana Constantinescu has faithfully served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 26 years (1998 – 2024) as Lecturer in the Physics Department of the College of Letters and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu has taught the ASTRONOMY 114 Descriptive Astronomy, ASTRONOMY 112 Introductory Astronomy, PHYSICS 100 Energy, PHYSICS 190 Frontiers of Physics and Engineering, PHYSICS 130 Physics Foundations, PHYSICS 240 Physics of Sound and Music, PHYSICS 305 Statics, PHYSICS 310 Dynamics, PHYSICS 489 Physics Senior Seminar, and the Science and Technology in Society courses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu enriched her courses with Project Based Learning, particularly by employing student participation in the Zooniverse, Galaxy Zoo, and Solar Jet Hunter Citizen Science Projects, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu developed ASTRONOMY 112 as the department's first on-line Astronomy course in 2005,

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu has participated in International Students Education for Engineers (ISEE) conferences between 2002 and 2016, has participated in the International Conference for Geotechnical Engineering in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2003, and the National Institute for Marine Research in Bucharest Romania with a presentation about the impact of glacial deposits over transportation highways in Chicago area in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu made numerous presentations for the Physics department Observatory Lecture Series, has organized and held many public viewings of night sky events and other astronomy-related presentations for the community, organized student trips to Fermilab and the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, and greatly assisted the department during the Upham Hall renovation in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu has been a member of the Academic Staff Assembly Promotions Committee for 18 years (2005 to 2023), has been the UW-Whitewater representative for the UW System Women in Science Organization for 25 years, and has invited and supported speakers to



the UW-Whitewater campus to increase awareness of opportunities for women and girls in science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu gave presentations to middle school students in Fort Atkinson and Whitewater about astronomy topics, and to the Fairhaven retirement community on the Physics of Sound and Music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu was been nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award for Academic Staff in 2015 and in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu received the College of Letters and Sciences Mary Pinkerton Spirit Award in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Constantinescu demonstrated professional commitment, dedication and loyalty to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly acknowledges Dr. Juliana Constantinescu's 26 years of service with appreciation and gratitude; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Staff Assembly recommends emeritus status for our honored colleague and extends to Dr. Juliana Constantinescu our best wishes for a long, fulfilling, and well-deserved retirement.



**Resolution Tracking:**

Resolution submitted by Steven Sahyun on 4/10/2024 for Physics department level approval.

Resolution submitted by Robert Benjamin on 4/12/2024 for Dean/Director level approval.

Resolution submitted by Dean Jason Jahnke on 4/15/2024 to [Academic Staff Assembly](#) for consideration.

<b>Departmental Action Date</b>	April 10, 2024			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Approved</b>	Rejected	Tabled	Other
<b>Vote Detail</b>	Ayes (6)	Nays (0)	Abstentions (0)	Other
<b>ASA Action Date</b>	April 17, 2024			
<b>Action</b>	Approved	Rejected	Tabled	Other
<b>Vote Detail</b>	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Other



See Section 19 of Academic Staff Personnel Rules for eligibility: <https://www.uww.edu/asa/get-acquainted/as-personnel-rules#section-19-retirement>

**Academic Staff Process for Emeriti Status Nomination and Conferral**

1. Resolution drafted and approved by the home department:
  - Retiree's name
  - Retiree's years of service to UWW
  - Retiree's retirement year
  - Retiree's home department (author of the recommendation/resolution)
  - Recommendation that the title of Emeritus/a be conferred on the retiree including one or more of the following:
    - Distinguished service to the department/unit and/or UWW
    - Distinguished service to the profession, field, and/or community
    - Awards and recognitions received by the retiree
2. Department Resolution or Letter of Recommendation submitted to the Dean/Director for approval
3. Department Resolution or Letter of Recommendation submitted by the Dean/Director to Academic Staff Assembly ([acadstaff@uww.edu](mailto:acadstaff@uww.edu))
4. Vote by Academic Staff Assembly (date of conferral)
5. Resolution and Decision submitted by ASA Chair to the Office of the Chancellor
6. Letter of Conferral sent from Chancellor to new Emeritus/a person, Alumni Office, and Academic Staff Assembly.
7. Emeritus/a's information (with conferral date, resolution, and conferral letter) added to official database kept by the Alumni Office
8. Emeritus/a's information sent by Alumni Office to all relevant privilege granting offices/units
9. Future Information Requests would go to Alumni Office (event invitation lists, etc.)