

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: February 24, 2009

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
	Faculty Emeritus Distinction GateWay Community College	Dr. Rufus Glasper Dr. Gene Giovannini

Recommendation

In accordance with the Governing Board Policy it is recommended that the Governing Board award Faculty Emeritus Distinction to:

- Wil Counts - Psychology
- Catherine Lucius - Nursing
- Geraldine Rasmussen - Liberal Arts
- Gail Shay - Spanish/ESL/Communication

Justification

Please see attachment.

Funding	Approvals/Certifications
<p><u>Source:</u></p> <p><u>Account Identification:</u></p>	<p>Chancellor _____</p> <p>Academic & Student Affairs _____</p> <p>Business Services _____</p> <p>Human Resources _____</p> <p>Student Dev. & Com. Relations _____</p> <p>College President _____</p>

Wil Counts, who retired in May of 2008, has worked in the Maricopa Community College District for more than 30 years. He has served as a long-time leader and mentor in Maricopa, at GateWay, and in the community. He leaves a legacy of commitment and activism. A brief description of his accomplishments follows. Wil served as an adjunct faculty member at Maricopa Tech from 1974 to 1978. Before becoming a residential faculty member in psychology at GateWay in 1993, Wil held a number of leadership positions, including Director of Student Development at Maricopa Tech from 1978 to 1979, Dean of Student Development at South Mountain Community College from 1979 to 1986, and Division Chair of the GateWay Counseling Department from 1987 to 1993.

Wil has received numerous distinguished leadership awards, including the Employee Recognition Award, Faculty of the Year, the Arizona Martin Luther King Celebration Distinguished Service Award, the Arizona Alliance of Black School Educators, the Distinguished Service Award, the Living Legend Award from the Black Student Union at Phoenix College, and Distinguished Alumni for Phoenix College. In addition, Wil was a Fellow for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and received the 2002 Distinguished Service Award from the Arizona Psychological Association. Wil has served on and chaired the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners and served on the board for the American Cancer Society (Great West Division). Wil has served as a committee member on the Expert Working Panel in Psychopharmacology for the American Psychological Association and on the Psychology Practice Analysis Task Force for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Cathy Lucius was faculty in the Nursing Division at GateWay Community College for 25 years. During her time at GateWay Cathy served as a full-time faculty member, Program Director of the RN program, and then Division Chair of the Nursing Division until 2007. In January 2007, Cathy went to the District Office in a full-time capacity of Administrator of the Nursing Unit for the Maricopa Community College District Nursing Program until her retirement on June 30, 2008. Cathy was well-known throughout the District for her creativity, innovations and entrepreneurial partnership endeavors. She was instrumental in laying the foundation for the nationally recognized Nursing Program model that Maricopa is known for today. Cathy continues to be influential in the nursing profession and her legacy to the Maricopa Community College District Nursing Program will endure for years to come.

Geri Rasmussen, who retired in May of 2008, has been for more than 20 years an integral part of the GateWay community and an invaluable asset to other faculty members, students, administration, employees, and the community. She has been and continues to be a beloved mentor and a model educator. A history of her accomplishments follows. She graduated from the respiratory therapy program from Maricopa Technical Community College in 1979 and a short time later, worked as an adjunct faculty member and a laboratory associate. In 1982, she became a residential faculty member. From 1982-1985, she served as the Respiratory Therapy Clinical Coordinator, and from 1985-1989, she was the director for the program. During her tenure, she also served as GWCC Faculty Senate President, Coordinator of GWCC Student Effectiveness Study and Implementation, and Chair of GWCC Staffing Committee 1986-1988

In 1991, Geri accepted a residential faculty position in the Liberal Arts and Math Science Division. She taught English, communication, and humanities. During the 1990s, she was again extremely active, serving as chair of the MCCD English Instructional Council, co-chair of the GWCC Strategic Planning Committee, co-coordinator for GWCC Student Outcomes, and co-chair and chair for the GWCC Developmental Education Committee. During this time, she co-authored three articles with Elizabeth Skinner: "Service Learning in an Integrated Learning Community Program" in *Disciplinary Pathways to Service Learning* in 1996; a monograph, *Learning Communities: Getting Started* in 1997; and "Using Service Learning for Structure and Theme in an Integrated Learning Community" in *Expanding Boundaries: Building Civic Responsibility within Higher Education* in 1997. In 2001, she co-authored with Elizabeth Skinner and Martha Bergin "A Comparison of Two Models for Integrating Curriculum: The Academic Evergreen Model and the Problem Based Learning Model" in *Peer Review*. From 2002 to 2008, Geri served as Division Chair for Liberal Arts. During this time, she also served as the Higher Learning Commission Self Study Tri Chair and the Honors Coordinator.

Gail Shay, who retired in May of 2008, has served the GateWay community for more than 20 years. She has served as a leader, mentor, model educator, and ambassador. She leaves a legacy of exemplary commitment, creativity, and integrity. A brief description of her accomplishments follows. She served as an adjunct faculty member for 11 years before becoming a residential faculty member in 1987. During her tenure with GateWay, Gail established and maintained international relationships for the college and the district and served many international and non-English speaking students. She directed an amnesty ESL program, directed a 3-year multi-agency federal bilingual vocational training grant, and created vocational ESL materials for national dissemination. For many years, she led Hands Across the Border trips to Hermosillo, Mexico and taught summer school abroad in Guanajuato, Mexico (2 years); taught English to Chinese faculty in Hebei, China; and lead faculty development programs in Costa Rica, China, Spain and Guadalajara, Mexico. She was a Fulbright participant in a Summer Seminar in India and Nepal.

Gail held many leadership positions, including Chair of the Liberal Arts Division, Faculty Senate President, Chair of the International Committee, and Chair for the Languages Articulation Task Force. She was recipient of the distinguished Woman Leader of the Year Award in the late 1990s. In addition, she formed the ESL Instructional Council and was awarded a sabbatical in 2006 to Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.