

# CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**Governing Board Agenda**

**Meeting Date:** June 23, 2009

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
V.B.5	Faculty Emeritus Distinction Paradise Valley Community College	Dr. Rufus Glasper Dr. Paul Dale

**Recommendation**

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

Jane S. Marks – Biology Faculty  
Gene A. Rister – Art Humanities Faculty

**Justification**

**Jane Marks** was a valuable member of MCCCCD for 20 years and, of that, more than a decade was as faculty in the Science Division at Paradise Valley Community College. Jane is noted for her extensive knowledge in Anatomy and Physiology. Her passion for Biology inspired her students and motivated them to achieve higher levels of understanding of the field. Jane’s open-door policy encouraged her students to seek out mentoring, advice and conversations. During the fall semester of 2005, she went on sabbatical to research the use of cadavers in A&P classes. Her thorough and informative research was the basis for PVCC’s commitment to obtaining cadavers for its new Life Sciences building that is opening in the fall 2009. This facility is a major step into the world of biotechnology for the college. Jane was an active and important member of the Recommendation Committee that directed the Professional Scientist Preparation Program (PSPP). This program assisted students whose career choices were science and/or health care. Jane Marks positively influenced the careers and personal lives of her students. She was a vital contributor to the Science Division and the PVCC community.

**Gene Rister**, a founding faculty member of Paradise Valley Community College and the founding chair for the (former) PVCC Division of Communication and Humanities at PVCC, has devoted more than 40 years of his professional career - 26 years in the Maricopa County Community College District - enhancing the lives of students, faculty and staff. In so many ways, his contributions have been the “unseen hand” behind the success of establishing the fine arts/humanities on this campus. Gene wrote and administered grants that brought to campus innovative programs and lectures. He has served on committees such as the Fine and Performing Arts Committee, which was integral in establishing the Center for Performing Arts and the Fine Arts Division. As one former student wrote, “In addition to being passionate about the art, he is eager to not just inform, but to inspire his students to feel passionately about the art as well.” An example of his contribution to campus culture is the acquisition of the replicas of ancient Chinese terracotta warriors. Gene traveled the world extensively and shared with students his knowledge and love for culture and beauty. As a nationally published poet, Gene brought honor to the college. His passion, dedication, innovation, drive, expertise, talent and goodwill have contributed significantly to creating a culture where teaching and learning are valued and honored.

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