

Division of Humanities

September 3, 2025

Motions to recommend emeritus status for Malena Carrasco and Amy Reid.

FHB 4.1.1 Emeritus status is awarded in recognition of a distinguished career at New College, as evidenced by significant contributions in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service to the College, the profession and beyond, as well as a commitment of active participation as a member of the academic community. Any faculty member holding an appointment in the associate or full professor ranks may be nominated to be considered for emeritus status normally within the three years of official date of retirement. Only those who have been regular faculty members at New College for at least five years immediately prior to retirement are eligible for this status. An eligible member may be proposed as a candidate for such consideration to her/his corresponding Division by any regular member of the faculty. A vote within the appropriate division will be considered positive if three-fourths of the votes of regular faculty of the Division are positive. Faculty who started their regular appointments during the candidate's last year of service or after her/his retirement may abstain from voting on this matter and their abstentions will not count as negative votes. In the case of a positive divisional vote, the Division Chairperson presents the nomination to the Provost who, in consultation with the PAC, will evaluate the merits of the nominee and will make a recommendation to the President either to confer or deny the honorary title. In the case of a negative divisional vote, the Division Chairperson informs the Provost of the Division's decision. In either case, if the Provost does not concur with the Division's vote, the Provost will ask the PAC to initiate a review of the case. At least five votes are necessary in the PAC to recommend overriding the divisional vote. Any faculty member (whether an associate or full professor) who receives emeritus status will receive the official title of Professor Emeritus/a. Faculty who have been officially awarded the honorary title of Emeritus/a are entitled to the following amenities: the use of New College stationery and a divisional mailbox for correspondence associated with their professional activities; a College email account; status as a nonvoting member of the faculty; borrowing privileges at the Jane Cook Library; a New College I.D.; and free parking. Depending on availability and needs, Emeriti/ae professors will be given access to laboratory and/or office space. Professors Emeriti/ae may sponsor tutorials, theses, ISPs, and serve on Baccalaureate Committees. Any course or courses they plan to offer must be arranged by discussion with colleagues in their relevant discipline(s) and approved by the appropriate Division.

#### **First Motion to the Division of Humanities from Maribeth Clark**

I move that the Division of Humanities recommend Malena Carrasco for status as professor emerita.

**RATIONALE** Malena Carrasco has made important contributions to the College for 48 years. She began teaching at New College of the University of South Florida in 1977 as an instructor of art history with a dissertation still under way. With its completion, she received her PhD in Art History from Yale University, and became Assistant Professor of Art History in 1980, receiving tenure in 1986, a member of a generation of New College

professors who never knew whether the payroll would be met, but who kept the college going for love of the students and the mission, which recognized the importance of student autonomy, the centrality of undergraduate research, and the value of a system that allowed for failure and flexibility in the pursuit of knowledge. She is an expert on saints' lives and illuminated French manuscripts from the medieval period, with numerous publications on these subjects as well as important contributions to the understanding of medieval women's lives. She taught a broad range of courses that conveyed an understanding of history, culture and society while also introducing students to detail-oriented observation of art and clarity of written expression. Malena has also contributed to the stability of the College as an administrator, serving as chair of the Division of Humanities from 1993 to 1996, and then Associate Dean and Warden from 1999 to 2001. Her record merits emeritus status.

### **Second Motion to the Division of Humanities from Maribeth Clark**

I move that the Division of Humanities recommend Amy Reid for status as professor emerita.

RATIONALE Amy Reid has been an important teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend to many students, staff, and faculty members, and did much to shape New College as an institution over three decades of service. She came to New College in 1995 as an Instructor of French, and was hired the next year as Assistant Professor of French Language and Literature, rising through the ranks to Professor. Amy led the interdisciplinary program in Gender Studies as director from 2006–2012, and then from 2019–2024. In 2023–2024, she served as Chair of the Faculty and as the faculty representative on the NCF Board of Trustees.

She holds a PhD in French from Yale University and is an award-winning translator, specializing in Francophone African fiction. She has collaborated with authors including Véronique Tadjo (*Far from My Father*, 2014), Patrice Nganang (the *Cameroon Trilogy*, published between 2016 and 2022), Mutt-Lon (*The Blunder*, 2022) and Blaise Ndala (*In the Belly of the Congo*, 2023). Her current project is the translation of Marie-Célie Agnant's novel *Rosa the Alligator* (forthcoming in 2025), which examines the politics of memory and truth and reconciliation in post-Duvalier Haiti.