



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Executive Action Summary

Academic Affairs-Attachment 1

**APPROVED**  
**APRIL 12, 2024**  
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**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Committee Name:** Academic Affairs

**Date:** April 12, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Emerita Designations – Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff and Dr. Satish Udpa

**Information**

**Review**

**Action**

**Resolution:**

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff and Dr. Satish Udpa each served Michigan State University with highly meritorious and exemplary service during their respective tenures as interim president;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds their service to be of such a standard as to be worthy of bestowing the emerita/us designation upon them to recognize such service and commitment to the University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees grants the title of ‘president emerita’ to Dr. Woodruff and ‘president emeritus’ to Dr. Udpa for their service to the University and reaffirms its appreciation to both individuals for their efforts.

**Recommendation:**

The Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees grant the title of ‘president emerita’ to Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff and ‘president emeritus’ to Dr. Satish Udpa.

**Prior Action by BOT:** Not applicable.

**Responsible Officers:** Thomas Jeitschko, Interim Provost  
Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

**Summary:** This resolution would grant the title ‘president emerita’ to Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff and ‘president emeritus’ to Dr. Satish Udpa due to their service to Michigan State University. University policy related to emeritum designations requires the support of the supervisor. In this case, the board serves as the supervisor of the president.

**Background Information:**

Dr. Udpa served as interim president from January 2019 to July 2019. Dr. Teresa Woodruff served as interim president from November 2022 to March 2024.

**Source of Funds:**

Not applicable.

**Resource Impact:**

Not applicable.