

RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF
MARILYN TINDALL GLATER
ADOPTED BY THE FACULTY OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

The faculty of the Department of Political Science join the Faculty of Arts, Sciences and Engineering to put on record our appreciation for the numerous and enduring contributions of our retiring colleague, Marilyn Tindall Glater, to our Department and to the larger Tufts University community.

Marilyn's association with Tufts University began in the Fall of 1973, when she accepted a half time appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department teaching Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, and doing Pre-Law Committee advising. Her journey to Tufts came by way of an earlier legal career that anticipated the University's now well-established brand of community service and active citizenship.

After graduating from Swarthmore College in 1963 with concentrations in Political Science and International Relations, Marilyn Tindall attended Yale Law School, where she obtained an LLB (JD) degree in June 1967. Beyond the traditional law school curriculum, her coursework included Public Welfare Law, Legal Problems of the City, Law and Public Opinion, Social Implications of Housing, Psychoanalysis and the Law, Administrative Process, and Political and Civil Rights.

In 1968 Marilyn took a position with the Neighborhood Medical Care Demonstration Project, an innovative approach to health care designed around the concept of empowering the poor through neighborhood community services. She joined the staff of the MLK Neighborhood Health Center in the Bronx, which along with centers in Watts and Mound Bayou, Mississippi, was one of the first three national neighborhood health centers. This was a hands-on job. Marilyn set up the Center's Department of Health Advocacy, and then wrote the first Patients' Rights Handbook. She prepared incorporation papers for community advisory boards, helped people get into housing, did early draft legislation on midwives, pressed for enforcement of health codes, and gave talks at schools. During this period Marilyn also undertook her first teaching assignment as an Instructor in Community Health at the Albert Einstein Medical School, where she was the lawyer in a multidisciplinary, team-taught course about law, medicine and health rights.

Marilyn moved to Boston in 1970, and began working as a consultant to Circle, Inc., a minority economic development firm in Roxbury. Her assignments involved administrative, organizational, and legal consultation in areas such as Head Start, Model Cities, teacher training, and curriculum development.

Marilyn's first contract at Tufts commenced September 1, 1973. She brought a new perspective and the practical experience of a community-based lawyer into the curriculum of the Political Science Department. Marilyn became an Associate Professor in 1987 when she was appointed Chair of the Political Science Department, a position which she held for three years. During this period she taught Constitutional Law, Administrative Law and Comparative Law; advised students about law schools and legal careers; and directed Tufts University's Washington Semester Program.

In 1990, Marilyn was appointed Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Jackson College. In September 1994, she became Associate Dean of the Faculty and Dean for Natural and Social Sciences, with responsibility for thirteen academic departments. She served in that capacity until 1997, after which she returned to the faculty in the Political Science Department.

Through her teaching and advising, Marilyn exposed potential law students, and others from a variety of backgrounds and academic interests, to the methods and outcomes of the American legal system. She is one of the co-founders of "Beyond the Classroom," the Women's Studies Program's annual forum where students present their research on women and gender.

Associate Professor Glater's non-tenure track appointment did not include publishing. Beyond teaching and administration, her main contributions were in the areas of student advising, curriculum development and community service. In addition to advising pre-law students, she was a dedicated first-year advisor. She advised informally scores of students interested in social change through law. She served on numerous departmental and university committees, including service as co-chair of the Task Force on Sexual Orientation and the Equal Opportunity Committee. Outside of Tufts, Marilyn served as a member of the Board of Managers (trustees) of Swarthmore College. She continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Learning Project Elementary School in Boston and is co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Boston Women's Fund.

Many of Marilyn's contributions are invisible. In addition to the unofficial advising that typically falls to Tufts' small group of faculty members of color, she convened a group of Black women graduate students from Tufts and several other universities who benefitted from the support and advice gained in a series of retreats. After serving as Dean for Natural and Social Sciences, she initiated and directed the First Year Scholars, a summer program for entering freshmen designed to help retain students from underrepresented groups in the fields of science, math and engineering.

Marilyn Glater prides herself on being open, fair and able to work productively with all manner of students and faculty. Throughout her 34 year career at Tufts, she has worked tirelessly to infuse issues of gender, racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity into the life of our academic community, and across the curriculum. She is an engaged intellectual who epitomizes the virtuous academic citizen. We thank Marilyn for her many years of dedicated service as a teacher, administrator and active citizen, and wish her continued health and happiness with her husband, David Glater, their children, Jonathan Glater and Elizabeth Glater, and their extended family.

On behalf of the Political Science Department, I move that this resolution on the retirement of Marilyn Tindall Glater be spread on the permanent record of this faculty, and that a copy of it be sent to her.