

*A RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF
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The Faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute notes with deep sadness and a great sense of loss the passing of our friend and colleague Charles (Chuck) Rich. His contributions to the WPI community will live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched.

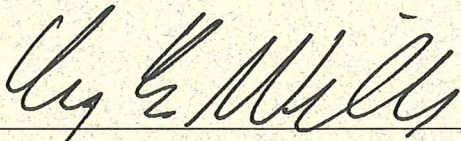
Chuck Rich first came to WPI as a Professor in 2007 joining the Interactive Media & Game Development Program and the Computer Science Department. Chuck received the B.A.Sc. degree in Engineering Science from the University of Toronto, and the S.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prior to coming to WPI, Chuck did pioneering work in Artificial Intelligence, Software Engineering and Human-Computer Interaction as a Research Scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as a founding member and Distinguished Researcher at Mitsubishi Electronic Research Laboratories. In recognition of his early research contributions he was recognized as a Fellow of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence in 1992.

At WPI he was a key faculty member in building and growing the IMGD program. He was also affiliated with, and made contributions to, the Robotics Engineering and Learning Sciences & Technology programs. During his time at WPI he continued to be interested in all kinds of applications of AI, from robots to intelligent user interfaces to computer games. At WPI he received significant funding and acclaim for research work in Human-Robotic Interaction. Chuck did much research work with his wife and colleague, Dr. Candy Sidner.

Chuck not only built upon his many professional accomplishments to continue impactful research while at WPI, but he had a tremendously positive influence on the students and faculty within Computer Science and IMGD as a teacher, mentor, and colleague.

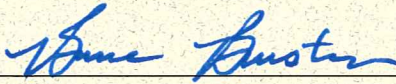
Therefore, it is resolved that we, the Faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, express our lasting gratitude and admiration for Chuck Rich's dedication and outstanding service to our university, and that this resolution be inscribed on the permanent records of Worcester Polytechnic Institute as a memorial to our colleague, teacher, and friend, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the family of Chuck Rich to express our admiration for him and our sorrow at his passing.



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