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ITEM 136-1009-R0707

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of English upon Kathleen M. Gadbow; The University of Montana-Missoula

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Adjunct Professor Kathleen M. Gadbow from the faculty of The University of Montana, Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of English, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Adjunct Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Kathleen M. Gadbow was born in Great Falls, Montana, the daughter of Hugh and Patricia McNamer of Conrad, Montana and one of five children. She earned her baccalaureate degree in French from the University of Montana in 1974, and her Masters of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from the University of Montana in 1986. In addition, she received a Certificat Practique in French from the University of Montpellier in France in 1973.

She commenced her employment with the University of Montana in 1988 as Interim Director of Basic Composition. In 1991, she became Co-Director of Composition and served in that position until 1997, while also directing the Writing Lab from 1986-2000. In 1995, she was named Director of Creative Writing and is currently serving in that position.

Kathleen Gadbow's first love at the University of Montana has always been teaching creative writing. Her students speak highly of her courses and her caring attitude. Kate was always there to advise students or help a student with any problems.

In addition to publishing short stories, Kate co-edited *The Quill Reader* (Harcourt 2000), a composition reader, and published an acclaimed novel (*Pushed to Shore*) in 2003, a moving account of a Hmong immigrant in Montana.

In addition to her publications, Professor Gadbow is a founding member of the Missoula Writing Collaborative, an Advisory Board member of the Five Rivers Festival of Film, a Planning Board member of the Montana Festival of the Book, and a Steering Committee member of the Missoula Reads Project (2003).

With this recommendation go sincere thanks for 21 years of invaluable service to the State of Montana and the University of Montana. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.