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ITEM 138-2002-R0108 **Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology upon Professor Jim Cutler; Montana State University-Bozeman**

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Jim Cutler from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION: Professor Cutler received his PhD in Microbiology from Tulane University in 1972, and served as an NIH postdoctoral fellow at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton from 1972 to 1974. In 1974, Professor Cutler was appointed as an Assistant Professor in Microbiology at MSU, and subsequently promoted to Associate Professor in 1980 and Professor in 1989. From 1985 to 1986, Professor Cutler served as Acting Head of Microbiology. Professor Cutler officially retired from Montana State University in 2001, after 27 years of dedicated service to the mission of the Microbiology Department as well as to the University.

Professor Cutler is highly regarded by his peers in the field of mycology, where he has specialized in *Candida albicans* and candidiasis; host-fungal relationships; anti-fungal susceptibility and mold development in damp environments. He has published 85 peer-reviewed papers in high quality journals and 20 additional book chapters and invited reviews. In addition, he has been awarded 9 patents. During his exemplary career at MSU, he mentored approximately 60 undergraduate research projects; 7 PhD students and 4 masters students. He has been honored by MSU with Mortar Board, Professor of the Month (1999); the Cox Award for distinguished teaching and research (1997) and the Wiley Award for meritorious research (1983). He was also elected as Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology in 1994 and received a research Career Development Award (1980-1985) from the NIH.

Professor Cutler has also contributed to the academic mission of MSU. He taught immunology, medical mycology, general microbiology, medical bacteriology, advanced immunology and was chair of the Natural History of Infectious Diseases WWAMI course. He was also

responsible for bringing a considerable amount of NIH funding to MSU, including significant RO1 (individual investigator) and PO1 (program project) funding. He also brought in shared instrumentation funding and was responsible for MSU's only NIH training grant, "Medical Mycology Predoctoral Training Program" from 1995 to 2004. He has served on numerous graduate student committees and has been instrumental in providing a unique undergraduate research experience for MSU students in mycology.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Jim Cutler the rank of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.