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**Title of Professor Emeritus of German: Michael Myers; MSU-Bozeman**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Michael Myers 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:**

Dr. Michael Myers joined the faculty of Montana State University as an Assistant Professor in 1991. He received his doctorate from University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1988 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1998.

As a teacher, Professor Myers has excelled. He has taught all levels of the German curriculum at MSU as well as teaching students culture courses in Berlin on three separate occasions.

Professor Myer's dedication to his students is well known to all in the Department and he has, almost yearly, been nominated for a teaching award. Students have consistently praised his enthusiasm, dedication, and vast knowledge of the German language and culture. They also admire the rigor of the course balanced with his encouragement and support of their critical thinking.

Professor Myers has published scholarly articles on a variety of subjects such as the role that journalism played in carving out a place for public opinion and political discourse in 18<sup>th</sup> century Germany and late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century utopian writing in Germany. He also focused much of his early research on Christian Friedrich Daniel Schubart, a prominent journalist of 18<sup>th</sup> century Germany, on whom he published a monograph and many articles. Finally, Professor Myers collaborated with a colleague at Boise State on film and popular culture in Germany.

Professor Myers has served on many committees serving MSU. He served as chair of the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures from 2003-2006; he served on many university committees such as UTEC, Professional Development Committee, hiring committees, and others. He remained active in his profession as a member of the American Association of Teachers of German, the Modern Language Association, the Montana Education Association, the Montana Association of Language Teachers and the Pacific Northwest Council of Foreign Languages. Professor Myer's dedication and commitment to the university, the college, and the department have been admirable.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Mike Myers the rank of Professor Emeritus of Modern Languages & Literatures at Montana State University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.