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ITEM 144-1501-R0809

**Authorization to name the Montana Tech Greenhouse the “Gless/Sawyer Greenhouse”; Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

**THAT:**

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1004.1, Naming of Buildings, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana Tech to name the new greenhouse the “Gless/Sawyer Greenhouse.”

**EXPLANATION:**

Emeritus Professor Elmer Gless was instrumental in the creation of the Biological Sciences Department at Montana Tech and was the individual responsible for the original greenhouse on Montana Tech’s campus. He served Montana Tech for 27 years.

Emeritus Professor Paul Sawyer was a dedicated Montana Tech faculty member responsible for the development of a Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences. He was a member of the Montana Tech faculty for 37 years and a vital member of the campus community.

The current faculty of the Biological Sciences Department would like to name the new greenhouse facility in honor of their former colleagues.

In July of 2007, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorized Montana Tech of The University of Montana to construct a new greenhouse consisting of 2,700 square feet of controlled-atmosphere space. This project was funded through a Reclamation and Development Grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The money for these grants was appropriated by the 60<sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature in HB 7. The cost of the project will be roughly \$290,000.

Montana Tech’s current greenhouse was constructed over 40 years ago and exceeded its useful lifetime. The old greenhouse has been removed and a new greenhouse is under construction on the original site. This new greenhouse will be utilized to grow plants that are native to Southwest Montana. The plants will be used to restore vegetation in areas that have been reclaimed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**