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**ITEM 157-2002-R1112**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Dean Emeritus of Library on Tamara Miller; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Tamara Miller from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dean Tamara Miller joined MSU in 2003 as associate dean of the library. In 2007 she was promoted to dean of the library, a position which she held until her retirement in 2012.

Dean Miller has had a long and distinguished career in academic library leadership spanning over 40 years. Prior to coming to MSU, Miller served as head of planning and program development for the University of Tennessee Libraries. A former president of the Library and Information Technology Association, Miller has held library positions at Michigan State University, the University of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Interlibrary Services consortium.

Under Miller's leadership, the MSU Library undertook a major and very successful renovation of the Renne Library's first floor. Materials were relocated to new mobile shelving in the basement, which created space to implement a library commons: a technology-rich space for collaborative student learning. Access to information to support research, particularly scholarly E-journals, increased significantly. New discovery tools to access electronic library collections were implemented. A unit was created in the library which focuses on digital initiatives and serves as a catalyst for the creation, management, and delivery of digital content in support of the University's teaching and research. Miller was also instrumental in successful library fundraising activities.

In summary, Tamara Miller has served Montana State University well by combining her excellent knowledge of librarianship with her skills in leadership. She transitioned the MSU library into a 21<sup>st</sup> century academic library befitting a Carnegie RU/VH University.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Tamara Miller the rank of Dean Emeritus of the Library at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments.