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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Management Information Systems on Belva Jones, University of Montana.

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Belva Jones from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for her 21 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Belva Jones earned a B.S. in Management and Math from McNeese State University of Louisiana, an MBA in Business Administration from Texas Tech University, and a PhD in Business from Oklahoma State University. After teaching for three years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, she was hired as an Associate Professor in the Department of Management at the University of Montana in September 1981, and promoted to Professor in 1986. She served in this capacity for six years, and then served for 12 years as an Associate Professor at Indiana State University. She returned to UM in August, 1999 as an Associate Professor in the Department of Management. Belva was promoted to Professor again in 2011.

Throughout her UM career, Professor Jones' teaching has earned accolades from her students and colleagues, notably as the 2003 recipient of UM's Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award. Additionally, she was twice honored as the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty award for the Department of Management Information Systems. Dr. Jones' research in the field of Management Science has been published extensively in scholarly journals and periodicals. Moreover, she has served as co-author of several books on the subject. Professor Jones has been an engaged and committed member of the campus community, serving as the chair of the Department of Management Information Systems for 13 years, as the chair of the School of Business Administration Undergraduate Assessment Committee, and on numerous campus committees throughout her tenure at UM. Her efforts in the area of assessment have been crucial to student learning and to the School of Business Administration's accreditation with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Department of Management Information Systems received the Departmental Assessment Award in 2010 due to its history of excellence in assessing student learning, classroom teaching, and program effectiveness, thanks in large part to the leadership and effort of Dr. Jones.

Professor Jones has served UM, the department, and the Montana community with distinction. In this dedicated service, she has earned the respect of her students, colleagues, and associates throughout the University and the State of Montana. The department is pleased to nominate Professor Jones for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

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