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Authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Geophysics on Steven D. Sheriff, University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Steven Sheriff from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his 32 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 him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Sheriff received his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming in 1981 and joined the faculty of the University of Montana as an Assistant Professor of Geophysics in the Department of Geology the same year. He was appointed a Full Professor in 1994. He had a long and distinguished career and retired from the University at the end of 2013.

Professor Sheriff's teaching had a profound impact on the lives and future careers of his students. He taught several different courses including Subsurface Imaging for Archaeologists, Applied Gravity, Applied Magnetism, and Environmental Geophysics and mentored scores of undergraduates through senior theses and graduates students through M.S. theses and Ph.D. dissertations during his career.

Professor Sheriff's research expertise is in two primary areas, archaeological prospection and gravity and magnetic exploration in the energy and minerals fields. He made numerous contributions during his career, including commercially utilized gravity/magnetic programming and software, academic publications in journals such as the *Geological Society of America Bulletin*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Tectonics*, and *Near Surface Geophysics* as well as many public and private research reports. Research and academic opportunities led to field experiences in Antarctica, Peru, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea as well as throughout western North America. Much of his recent research work has been focused on archaeological investigations in Yellowstone National Park.

Professor Sheriff served as Chair of the Department of Geology from 1991 to 2007. During this time he was instrumental in modernizing the Geosciences program, facilitated numerous new faculty hires and was the recipient of the University of Montana's Distinguished Administrator Award. The department is pleased to nominate Professor Steven D. Sheriff for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments