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ITEM 166-2706-R0315

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Art upon Dr. Connie Landis; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Connie Landis from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for her 37 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the Department of Art, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Connie Landis earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1962 from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin; her Master of Science degree in 1977 from Eastern Montana College in Billings; and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1987 from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She has held State of Montana Teacher Certification for Art (K-12) and Biology since 1968.

From 1962 to 1978, Dr. Landis taught art in elementary and high schools in Wisconsin and Montana, including 10 years as an art instructor at Billings West High School. In 1978, she was hired as an Instructor of Art at Montana State University Billings (then Eastern Montana College) on a joint appointment in the Department of Art and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. In 1988, she was appointed Assistant Professor of Art; in 1992, she was promoted to Associate Professor of Art; and in 1998, she was promoted to Professor of Art.

Dr. Landis has been honored with numerous awards, including the 2004 President's Award for Educator of the Year from the Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings; a 1998 Faculty Achievement Award from Montana State University Billings; the 1997 Montana Art Educator of the Year Award from the Montana Art Education Association; and a 1997 NAEA Pacific Region Art Educator Award and Higher Education Art Educator Award from the National Art Education Association.

During her tenure at Montana State University Billings, Dr. Landis served the Department of Art as a teacher of courses in art education and studio art; as Department Chairperson from 1998-2002 and from 2006-2008; as a member of the Department Rank and Tenure Committee; through participation in National Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) accreditation self-studies and reviews; as a faculty advisor to student art majors; as a member of the Art Scholarship and Graduating Senior Award selection committees; as a member of Department Search Committees and other ad hoc task forces; as co-advisor to the Art Students League; as Display Coordinator for the Asian Art Special Art Collection; as curator of exhibitions in the Northcutt Steele Gallery; as a developer of department curricula; and through participation in many other activities within the department.

During her tenure at Montana State University Billings, Dr. Landis served the college and the university as a member of the Academic Senate; the Creative and Research Endeavor (CARE) Committee; the Sabbatical

Committee; the General Education Committee; the Commencement Committee; and through participation in many other campus activities.

Beyond the campus, Dr. Landis has served the professions of art and art education through exhibition of her artwork in over 30 local, regional, and national venues; through 11 national juried conference presentations; and through numerous workshops offered to students and members of the community. She has also served the public as a board member on the Montana Energy Education Council and on MUSECO: an environmental, visual art and music group; as a curator or juror for high school art exhibitions on a local, regional and state level; and by donating numerous artworks to campus, local and regional charitable art auctions throughout the years.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty members of the Department of Art are pleased to nominate Dr. Connie Landis for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Art at Montana State University Billings.

ATTACHMENTS

None