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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences on James Hirstein – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor James Hirstein from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 26 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

James Hirstein received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Illinois State University in 1967 and 1968, respectively. He then went on to earn a doctorate from the University of Georgia in 1978. He taught for several years in Illinois and Pennsylvania before joining the University of Montana as an Associate Professor in 1989. He was promoted to Full Professor in 1997. Jim served the Department as Chair from 1999 to 2005.

Jim has an excellent teaching record in courses for elementary and secondary teacher education and for core courses in the department. He has developed courses for middle school teachers to make them more comfortable teaching mathematics. He also has a strong record of scholarship. Jim directed three mathematics doctoral students and co-directed two in the College of Education, and fourteen master's candidates have been his advisees. He has published articles and has given over a hundred presentations at state, national, and international conferences on how children learn mathematics. He has served as internal evaluator for six research projects at both the state and national levels. In 2007 he received the Montana Faculty Service Award. From 2008 to 2010, he was chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee for the University. His influence on the teaching of mathematics has certainly been felt here at the University of Montana, but it extends far beyond.

The Department of Mathematical Sciences is honored to recommend Professor James Hirstein for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments