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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Political Science on Terry Weidner – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Terry Weidner from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 12 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

Dr. Weidner received a B.A. degree from St. Lawrence University in 1970 (American History), completed the Inter-University Program in Intensive Chinese in Taipei in 1973, received an M.A. degree in 1973 from University of Michigan (Far East Studies), and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis in 1980 (Chinese History). He served as the Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and Executive Director of the Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program from 2003-2012. After completing a highly successful term as Director of the Mansfield Center, Dr. Weidner taught in the Departments of History and Political Science until his retirement in 2015.

Professor Weidner was an excellent teacher and dedicated student advisor. He taught mostly interdisciplinary courses covering Asian culture, politics and economic development. He is perhaps best known for his dedication to advancing the understanding of modern Chinese and Japanese politics, history, and contemporary global trends influencing international relations.

Professor Weidner was also an equally accomplished scholar. He authored twenty-five articles on early 20th century Chinese government, contemporary Chinese economic reforms, and U.S.-China relations.

Professor Weidner excelled in the area of service. His major service contributions can be seen in the significant administrative work he performed as Director of the Mansfield Center and Chair of East Asian Studies. His administrative duties included creating and maintaining the University of Montana's relationship with Asian educational, government and business agencies, developing and executing training programs for Chinese government and business personnel, and organizing a range of symposia and programming aimed at a regional and national audience. Dr. Weidner had primary responsibility for creating the Asian Studies major at UM and assisted in determining the Asian curriculum.

Recognition of Terry Michael Weidner as Professor Emeritus is duly warranted given his record of distinguished service at the University of Montana as an educator, scholar, and citizen.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments