

September 14-15, 2016

ITEM 172-1008-R0916

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Dean Emeritus on Larry Gianchetta – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Larry Gianchetta from the University of Montana, the University wishes to express its appreciation for his 41 years of service by requesting that the rank of Dean Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Larry Gianchetta earned his PhD in Mathematical Statistics from Texas A&M University in 1975. He was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Management at the University of Montana in fall quarter of 1975. Dr. Gianchetta was promoted to Associate Professor in 1979 and to Full Professor in 1983. He served as the Chair of the Department of Management from 1981-1986. Of particular note is his exemplary service as the Dean of the School of Business Administration since July 1, 1986. In the summer of 1990, Dean Gianchetta attended Harvard University's Management Development Program.

Dean Gianchetta received many awards during his tenure at UM, including the UM Diversity Award, the UM Academic Administrator Award, the Robert H. Panzer Presidential Humanitarian Award, and the Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Dean Award. In 2002, Dean Gianchetta was presented the Montana Export Advocate Award during the Governor's Excellence in Exporting Awards ceremony for creating the Montana World Trade Center in Missoula.

Dean Gianchetta has volunteered his time and expertise to help deserving and worthy causes in the greater Missoula community—all in an effort to help people in need and to make our community a better place in which to live and to raise a family. In addition to serving as Dean of the School of Business Administration, he currently serves on the Montana World Trade Center Advisory Board, is a member of the Montana Ambassadors, is a trustee of the Community Medical Center Foundation, and the William and Rosemary Gallagher Charitable Foundation and serves on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana board and on the National Board for American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL), a national organization which he founded.

On February 11, 2016, a tribute to Dean Larry Gianchetta was included in the Congressional Record for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress of the US Senate, recognizing him as “an enthusiastic teacher who has instilled an excitement for learning and a commitment to service in his staff and students.”

Throughout his career at the University of Montana, Dean Gianchetta served UM and the Montana community with distinction. In this dedicated service, he has earned the respect of his students, colleagues, and associates throughout the University and the State of Montana. The School of Business Administration and the University are grateful for his dedicated service.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments