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ITEM 172-1009-R0916

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Penny Jakes – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Penny Jakes from the University of Montana, the University wishes to express its appreciation for her 38 years of dedicated service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Penny Jakes earned her Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Montana. She has been on the faculty at Missoula College since 1978 and in 2012, she achieved the rank of Full Professor. She has served her Department as its Chairperson and Missoula College as the Interim Associate Dean.

Professor Jakes was a very successful and popular teacher. She earned strong teaching evaluations from her students and she was evaluated consistently as an outstanding teacher by her colleagues. In 2009, Professor Jakes received the “Excellence in Teaching” award from NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development).

Professor Jakes’ primary research interest focused on the topic of women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This research investigated the important topic of dual-enrollment in the State of Montana and its effect on the underrepresented population of women pursuing STEM career fields.

Professor Jakes served as Director for the Microcomputing Computing Program of Study and was instrumental in bringing the Cisco Networking Academy to Missoula College. She was a three-time recipient of the Outstanding Cisco Regional Director (2002, 2003, & 2004) and winner of the Cisco Regional Academy Achievement Award (2003). Professor Jakes also served as a delegate from the State of Montana to South Africa for Women in Higher Education (2009).

The Department of Applied Computing & Engineering Technology is pleased to nominate Professor Penny Jakes for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments