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ITEM 172-1013-R0916

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

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Greg Pape from the University of Montana, the University wishes to express its appreciation for his 29 years of service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus of English be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Greg Pape earned his B.A. in English at Fresno State College, his M.A. in English at California State University in Fresno, and his M.F.A. in Creative Writing at the University of Arizona. In 1987, Professor Pape joined the Creative Writing program to teach poetry and attained the rank of Professor in 1994.

A prolific writer with 11 books of poetry, Professor Pape has had his work published in an extensive list of literary anthologies and prestigious periodicals. Garrison Keiller has read several of Professor Pape's poems on NPR's The Writer's Almanac.

As a teacher, Professor Pape enjoyed mentoring undergraduates and graduates as they learned the craft of poetry. Students valued his enthusiasm and expertise; they also praised his commitment in helping them revise, experiment, and reflect on their writing process.

Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Pape received numerous honors and awards, including the Robert Frost Fellowship in Poetry (1978), the Pushcart Prize XIII (1988), The Richard Hugo Memorial Poetry Award (1990), The Edwin Ford Piper Poetry Award (1991), the Vachel Lindsay Poetry Award (2002), and the Crab Orchard Open Competition Award (2004). He was nominated for the Pushcart Prize several times. From 2007-2009, Professor Pape had the honor of being Montana Poet Laureate and traveled the state, visiting communities and sharing the power and beauty of poetry.

Professor Pape also served the department, university, and community in important ways. He was Director of the Creative Writing Program (1994-1995), a Director of the Academy of American Poets College Prize at UM, and a Judge for the Jacob K. Javits Graduate Fellowship Program.

The Department of English is very pleased to nominate Professor Greg Pape for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments