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ITEM 179-1003-R0518

Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Sociology on Daniel P. Doyle – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Daniel P. Doyle from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 27 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. Doyle earned his Ph.D. at the University of Washington and joined the Sociology Department at the University of Montana in 1990. Professor Doyle was promoted to Associate Professor the next year and subsequently promoted to the rank of Professor in his first year of eligibility in 1996. He served as chair of the Department from 2002 to 2005 and returned as co-chair from 2010 to 2013. Professor Doyle served for more than two decades as the Chair of the Graduate Committee, and was the Director of Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Advising Coordinator in the Department from 2013 to 2016.

Professor Doyle was a very successful and popular teacher. His specialty in law and legal studies was highly sought after by students in the Department. His courses on the Criminal Justice System, Social Construction of Social Problems, Criminal Adjudication, Problems in Criminal Law, and Law and Society were meticulously planned and rigorously demanding, with high expectations for student learning. He was a much sought after academic advisor and was known for the amount of time that he dedicated to helping students work through academic issues. He was an invaluable support and encouragement to numerous students in successfully completing graduation requirements, even after they had dropped out for a period of time. A significant number of students would never have graduated without Professor Doyle's attention.

Professor Doyle's research has examined evidence-based solutions to improve process within the juvenile justice system, community responses to sexual assault victimization, and social awareness about the study of aging. His work has informed sociological knowledge and has been influential in drawing decades of students in to the pursuit of and passion for understanding social problems and responses to them.

Professor Doyle dedicated much of his time and attention to professional service. His efforts span the Department of Sociology, the University of Montana, Missoula, and the State of Montana. He received six merit awards across his academic career. In 2005 he received the Tom Boone Town and Gown Award, which is the University of Montana's faculty service award, and in 2015 earned the university-wide Outstanding Faculty Advising Award. The Department is pleased to nominate Professor Doyle for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments