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ITEM 179-1503-R0518

Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Applied Health and Safety Sciences upon Dr. William K. Spath - Montana Tech of The University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor William (Bill) K. Spath from the faculty of Montana Tech, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedication and valued service by requesting that the Board of Regents of Higher Education confer the rank of Professor Emeritus upon him.

EXPLANATION

Dr. William (Bill) K. Spath grew up in St. Louis, Missouri graduating from Cleveland High School in 1965. He entered Southeast Missouri State University, and graduated in 1969 with a B.S. in Physical Education. He then began work on his master's degree at the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he specialized in Tests and Measurements of Exercise Physiology. He graduated with a Master of Education degree in 1970. He then served honorably in the Army from 1970-1972 during the Vietnam War as a medic and EKG technician, and was stationed through Walter Reed Hospital at Fort Meyer Clinic in Washington D.C.

In 1972 Dr. Spath enrolled at the University of Missouri – Columbia, and in 1979 he received the Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year award prior to earning his Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology. His research focused on metabolism of lactate, and his dissertation was published in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, the prestigious publication of the American College of Sports Medicine. Dr. Spath continued his higher education teaching at Florissant Valley Community College, where he taught exercise physiology courses and served as the wellness program coordinator for seven years before coming to Butte and Montana Tech.

Dr. Spath has taught courses for the Occupational Safety and Health program, the Industrial Hygiene program, A & P for the Biology Department, and, of course, the Applied Health and Safety Sciences Program. Dr. Spath developed the Applied Health Science curriculum upon his arrival at Montana Tech in 1986, and has been the Program Director/Manager or Department Head since inception, and for many years served as the Wellness Program Director and/or Coordinator. In addition, as a certified American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Program Director, he has been instrumental in acting as the ACSM Workshop Director and Test Coordinator, which has served Montana Tech students well, creating the opportunity for AHSS students to gain certification from ACSM upon graduation.

In addition, Dr. Spath served the campus and profession in many capacities, such as being Athletic Director (1987-1988), HPER Building Manager, (1987-1988) and he developed the respected SCUBA program at Tech that is well attended by students since 1988 from a wide variety of academic backgrounds. Dr. Spath also collaborated on numerous published research projects with colleague John Amtmann.

Dr. Spath has been an active Rotary Club member since 1986, and his efforts in Rotary are well known and highly regarded. He has served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Governor District 5390 in 1993-94 and again in 2015-16. He was Provost, Chair, and Dean for the District 5390 Leadership Academy. He has served on the rotary Club of Butte Board for 30 years.

Based on his accomplishments in teaching, research and service, the Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene Department of Montana Tech is pleased to nominate Professor William K Spath as Professor Emeritus of Applied Health and Safety Sciences at Montana Tech together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments