

September 12-13, 2018

ITEM 180-2003-R0918**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences upon Dr. James G. Berardinelli, Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. James G. Berardinelli from the College of Agriculture at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. James G. Berardinelli received a B.A. with Honors in Biology in 1973 from the University of Connecticut. He received his M.S. in 1976 and Ph.D. in 1979 in Reproductive Physiology and Endocrinology from the West Virginia University. He began his academic career on the faculty of Montana State University in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences in 1981 as Assistant Professor with a 48% research, 40% teaching, and 10% Service appointment, receiving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 1988 and Full Professor in 1992.

Dr. Berardinelli developed 5 separate courses, taught or co-taught 11 other animal science courses and was invited to lecture in a series in 3 courses in other departments. He has delivered lectures and laboratory exercises to over 4,500 undergraduate students. He has received numerous awards for teaching and service, including the 2018 Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science Distinguished Service Award. Perhaps his most important contribution to teaching was his mentoring of undergraduate research interns. He has mentored 25 outstanding students in the past 17 years; 10 of which appear as co-authors on scientific publications. He has served as major advisor to 18 M.S. students and 1 Ph.D. student. He has served on 13 M.S. and 5 Ph.D. committees.

Research from Dr. Berardinelli's laboratory has provided significant fundamental and applied contributions to his field. His work has far-reaching implications to gain a more profound understanding of reproductive biology, and to improve the reproductive efficiency and sustainability of economically important domestic animals and wild animal in our region and the U.S. He has authored and co-authored more than 62 refereed journal articles, 4 book chapters, 76 proceedings, and 170 abstracts. He has presented his research at local, state, regional, and national meetings and has been an invited speaker at 8 different venues. He was a co-PI on two instructional grants and over \$1,000,000 in intra- and extramural funding. His work has been cited in scientific literature over 2,000 times.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. James G. Berardinelli the rank Professor Emeritus of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None