

September 11-12, 2019

**ITEM 184-1005-R0919**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Karen Volkman, the University of Montana**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Karen Volkman from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express their appreciation for her 14 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Karen Volkman earned her B. A. in Russian/Literature at New College (Sarasota, Florida) and her M.A in English with a concentration in Creative Writing at Syracuse University (New York). She was hired as an Assistant Professor in 2004, became an Associate Professor in 2006, and was promoted to Professor in 2012.

An acclaimed poet, Professor Volkman has published numerous books, including *Whereso*, *Nomina*, *One might*, *Spar*, and *Crash's Law*. Her poems have also appeared in prestigious anthologies and journals. Throughout her career, Professor Volkman received many honors in recognition of her stature as a writer, including James Laughlin Award (Academy of American Poets), Iowa Poetry Prize, Emily Dickinson Award (Poetry Society of America), and *Prairie Schooner* Readers' Choice Award. She also received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, the National Poetry Series prize international fellowship from the Camargo Foundation (Cassis, France), the Akademie Schloss Solitude (Stuttgart, Germany) the Bogliasco Foundation (Genoa, Italy), and the American Academy in Rome.

As a teacher, Professor Volkman enjoyed working with graduate students, who valued her commitment to helping them develop their craft. At the university level, Professor Volkman served on the Unit Standards Committee, the Fulbright Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, and the English Department Steering Committee. In 2006 and 2008, she received University Research and Creativity Grants.

The Department of English is very pleased to nominate Professor Karen Volkman for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments