

November 21-22, 2019

ITEM # 185-1601-R1119**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Education on Dr. Delena Norris-Tull,
The University of Montana Western**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Delena Norris-Tull from the faculty of The University of Montana Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 14 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Norris-Tull earned her Ph.D. at the University of Texas and, after serving at institutions in Texas, Arkansas and Alaska, joined the Education Department at The University of Montana Western in 2004. Because of the strong background she had when coming to UMW, she was quickly promoted to associate and then full professor. She served as chair of the Department from 2009-2011 and Spring of 2016. Additionally, she served as co-chair in 2016-2017.

Dr. Norris-Tull was the Accreditation Coordinator for the UMW Department of Education from 2005-2018. This monumental task required her to lead the department through its first Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation visit in 2015. She tackled this daunting task with grace and demonstrated kind and thoughtful leadership throughout the process. Dr. Norris-Tull successfully lead the effort of the Department of Education at UMW to gain and maintain both state and national accreditation.

Dr. Norris-Tull was very engaged in campus work, as well. She served on the UMW Assessment Committee (2013-2018), Honors Committee (2011-2017), Tenure & Promotion Committee (2011-2017), Budget Committee (2011-2016), and eLearning Committee (2011-2014). She also served as the Faculty Association president (2013-2014) and bargaining team member (2012-2015), as well as the Education Department's Faculty Senator (2006-2009). She did all of this in addition to serving on multiple department-level standing committees.

Dr. Norris-Tull was also engaged in science and science education outside of UMW. She provided professional development to in-service teachers locally and internationally. She also published *Edible and Useful Plants of the Southwest: Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona* (Tull, 2013) during her time at UMW.

Dr. Norris-Tull's work might best be summed up by her award as the CASE/Carnegie Foundation 2010 Montana Professor of the Year Award. This award recognized Dr. Norris-Tull's exceptional contributions to the Education Department, the University of Montana Western, the state of Montana, and beyond.

The Department is pleased to nominate Dr. Norris-Tull for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None.