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ITEM 185-2701-R1119

Request for authorization to confer the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Business Administration, on Dr. Richard Scott Harris, Montana State University Billings

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Scott Harris from Montana State University Billings, 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. Richard Scott Harris received his B.A. in Economics from the University of California Davis in 1971, his M.A. in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1975, and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1985. He joined the faculty at Eastern Montana College, now Montana State University Billings, in September of 1988 as an Assistant Professor.

Dr. Harris is a favorite faculty member at the College of Business having received the ASMSUB (Associated Students of MSU Billings) Teaching Award. At the College of Business, he served as Chair of the Business Administration Department from May 2001 to August 2001 and Acting Dean of the College of Business from May 2001 to August 2002. Known for going a level above with students, Dr. Harris arranged for and guided MSUB students in Japan 4 separate times.

As a leader of the College of Business during the accreditation process in 2002, Dr. Harris helped AACSB to break with precedent and grant the College of Business 3-5 additional years in probationary status rather than adhere to their policy and remove us from the accreditation queue-which would have delayed our ability to reapply for probationary status for several years.

Dr. Harris demonstrates the kind of faculty member whose work is truly meritorious. Evaluations by students and peers of his teaching and his record in scholarship and service attest to his exemplary professional competence. His leadership and service have touched every aspect of the MSUB campus as well as contributed to the educational community. In addition to contributions within his college, Dr. Harris has been an exemplary MSUB citizen. He served on multiple University boards including but not limited to: MSUB Faculty Association, Academic Senate, University Budget Committee, University Computer Fees Committee, Department Chair of Management and Economics (1989-1992). He also served as a Visiting Scholar at Prefectural University of Kumamoto in Japan in fall 2002 and Anahuac University Mexico in summer 2017.

For these, and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Richard Scott Harris the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Business Administration at Montana State University Billings and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None