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Request for Authorization from the Board of Regents to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Nursing upon Jean Shreffler-Grant, Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Jean Shreffler-Grant from the College of Nursing at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University and the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Shreffler Grant received her B.S.N. from the University of Cincinnati in 1971, her M.S.N. from the University of Cincinnati in 1978, and her Ph.D. from the University of Washington in nursing science in 1996. Dr. Shreffler-Grant served as a faculty member in the Montana State University College of Nursing at the Missoula campus location from 1985 until her retirement in 2019. She achieved the rank of Professor in 2010. During much her tenure in the College of Nursing (CON) she served in an administrative capacity as one of the CON's Campus Directors (equivalent to a department chair).

Under Dr. Shreffler-Grant's leadership, educational programming at the Missoula campus location was expanded. The accelerated bachelor's degree in nursing, an intensive 15-month program designed for second degree students, was implemented on the Missoula campus. In addition, the traditional bachelor's program was expanded to a new campus site in Kalispell to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Flathead Valley community for a larger nursing workforce. Dr. Shreffler-Grant worked to develop the infrastructure and faculty capacity to deliver all theory courses via videoconferencing from the Missoula campus to nursing students at the Kalispell location, while clinical learning experiences were taught locally at each campus location. The successful implementation of this vision by Dr. Shreffler-Grant ensured that Montana's second fastest growing community had an adequate number of BSN-prepared nurses.

Dr. Shreffler-Grant's scholarship focused on the health literacy of older rural adults around complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). She secured National Institutes of Health federal grant funding and published 19 journal articles, six book chapters and regularly presented at scientific meetings. She was passionate about Montana and the older people living in its rural communities after relocating to the Mission Valley from Ohio in the late 1970's as a young nurse with an adventurous spirit. Dr. Shreffler-Grant was an exemplary teacher consistently earning outstanding teaching evaluations and high praise from her students. She guided the scholarship of many Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students. In addition to her college contributions, Dr. Shreffler-Grant was an exemplary MSU citizen. She served on university-wide search committees, Graduate Council, and Research Council.

For these, and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Jean Shreffler Grant the rank of Professor Emerita of Nursing at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None.