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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on David Freeman, University of Montana-Missoula.

THAT

Upon the retirement of David Freeman from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wish to express their appreciation for his 33 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 him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Freeman received his Bachelor of Chemistry degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1968 and his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Washington in 1974. He then conducted post-doctoral training at Brandeis University (Dept of Biochemistry) from 1975-1977 supported by a National Institutes of Health fellowship. After serving as an Assistant Professor at North Dakota State University from 1977-1984, he joined the University of Montana and served as an Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1986-1991. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1991 and was in that position until 2000 whereupon he became a lecturer and held that position until 2019.

As a faculty member for over three decades, Prof. Freeman was one of the most well-regarded and respected colleagues and instructors either leading or contributing to a number of professional and non-major Pharmacy courses. His teaching efforts included key courses in the Pharmacy professional program such as Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutics, and Anti-microbials as well as the General Education course 'Use and Abuse of Drugs'. In most cases, Prof. Freeman served as the course coordinator each and every semester of his involvement and many times was the only instructor. Most semesters, Prof. Freeman had an extensive teaching load, typically the largest in the department. However, his instructional effort was not just in numbers. As testimony to the quality of his instruction, Prof. Freeman was awarded the Pharmacy program 'Teacher of the Year' by the students twelve times, only limited by a procedural change such that a professor was not eligible two years in a row. Prof. Freeman always put the students first, but was equally sensitive and responsive to curriculum needs, changes and delivery of content.

Prof. Freeman routinely exceeded the duties of lecturing and was a superlative contributor to service. Prof. Freeman was a willing volunteer and member of our most critical committees and for many years was delivered an extraordinary bridge of communication and knowledge between the basic science and pharmacy practice units of our school. The importance of this contribution cannot be overstated as our professional students require seamless transitions from basic science into practicing pharmacy. His committee efforts in assessment, admissions, continuing education, and curriculum are also noteworthy and sometimes spanned decades of work. Although Prof. Freeman's main artery was instruction, his service work was appreciated and highly commendable.

In sum, the University of Montana has been well served by having Prof. Freeman as a faculty during his career. The Skaggs School of Pharmacy has evolved dramatically over the past two decades and benefitted from Prof. Freeman's steady, reliable, self-less and quality contributions to teaching and service. His nomination as a Professor Emeritus is our pleasure.

ATTACHMENTS

None