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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Kim Granath, University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Kim Granath from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her twenty-four years of service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor Kim Granath earned her Master of Library Science, the terminal degree for academic librarians, at the University of Oklahoma, and joined the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana in 1995. In 2011 she earned a Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Informatics from Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, and in 2003 she earned a Medical Informatics certificate as a course fellow sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. Professor Granath rose to the rank of Associate Professor and then Professor. She served as chair of the Department for academic years 2003, 2012, and 2019.

Professor Granath was the Head of the Information & Research Services Division for eight years and the Public Health Librarian; she held multiple roles during her tenure at the Mansfield Library including Electronic Resources Librarian, Web Site Coordinator, and Reference Manager. Professor Granath worked collaboratively to obtain a sequence of grants that resulted in the design and construction of the first electronic library classroom for the Mansfield Library that now has multiple classrooms and teaching spaces. She collaborated with colleagues to pilot an innovative teach-the-teachers program that integrated information literacy instruction into introductory writing and public speaking classes via teaching assistants; this model was highly effective and continues today. She worked with colleagues at the Mansfield and Missoula Public Library to successfully receive the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Grant four years in a row. As the Public Health Librarian, she was regularly consulted by students and faculty regarding their research in the health sciences fields, including pharmacy, public health, and physical therapy.

Professor Granath's research focused on library instruction and reference services, user experience, and computing in libraries. She presented on these subjects at state, regional, and national conferences. She was an active research collaborator, including on a number of grants including the Health Info to Go! Technology Improvement Award from the Pacific Northwest Region National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Her work was published in several outlets including Reference Services Review, College & Research Libraries, and PNLA Quarterly.

In addition to her contributions in the areas of teaching and research, Professor Granath was engaged in service in the library, university, and in the profession. In the library, she served as department chair for three years, on strategic planning committees, and chaired multiple search committees. On campus, she was a faculty senator and served for five years on the University Planning Committee. She held significant leadership roles in the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association – serving as Chair of the Chapter twice as well as on Chapter Council – and in the national Medical Library Association. She was

also an active contributor to the Academy of Health Information Professionals of the Medical Library Association.

The Mansfield Library is pleased to nominate Professor Granath for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

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