

May 18-19, 2022

**ITEM 200-1015-R0522**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of English on Professor Beverly Ann Chin – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Beverly Ann Chin from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 40 years of dedicated leadership and exemplary 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Beverly Ann Chin earned her B.A. in English and M.A. in English Education at Florida State University. She earned her Ph. D. in Curriculum & Instruction at University of Oregon. After teaching at several other universities, she was hired by UM as an Assistant Professor in 1981, became an Associate Professor in 1984, and was promoted to Full Professor in 1989.

Professor Chin is a highly respected expert in literacy education. She was President of National Council of Teachers of English and Board Member of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She was Senior Consultant for the 2011 and 2017 Writing Frameworks for National Assessment of Educational Progress—"The Nation's Report Card." She was the author/senior editor of several textbooks, including *Glencoe Literature: The Reader's Choice, grades 6 – 12*; *Glencoe/McGraw Hill's Writer's Choice: Grammar and Composition, grades 6-12*; *Wiley's Keys to Success*; and *Sadlier's Grammar for Writing, grades 6-12*, and *Grammar Workshop: Tools for Writing, grades 3-5*. She developed/edited two Annenberg Media Video programs: *The Expanding Canon: Teaching Multicultural Literature in High School* and *Teaching Multicultural Literature: A Workshop for the Middle Grades*. Through her extensive network of K-U educators, she developed/led several state writing assessments. Currently, she serves on the boards of Writing Coaches of Montana and Montana Association of Teachers of English Language Arts.

Professor Chin frequently presented keynote speeches and sessions at national and international conferences, including National Council of Teachers of English, International Literacy Association, Conference on English Leadership, National Writing Project, College Board's Advanced Placement Conference, Association for Middle Level Education, International Federation of Teachers of English, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She has worked with schools and universities in over 20 countries and received numerous honors, including NCTE Distinguished Service Award, Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator, and UM Distinguished Teacher Award.

Professor Chin greatly enjoyed teaching, advising, and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students and consistently received high praise in course evaluations. In addition to directing the English Teaching Program and Montana Writing Project, she served as English Department Chair, ASCRC Chair, and ASCRC Writing Committee Chair. Through her outstanding teaching, research and service, Professor Chin has enhanced the vitality and elevated the visibility of our English Teaching Program. She was an extraordinary faculty member who made our department and university an engaging, inspiring and welcoming teaching/learning environment.

The Department of English is very pleased to nominate Professor Beverly Ann Chin for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None