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ITEM 203-2001-R1122

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Plant Sciences upon Dr. Robert Sharrock; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Robert Sharrock from Montana State University, 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. Sharrock served as a Plant Sciences faculty member for 33 years, making large impacts by his teaching of two very large introductory biology courses, advising and mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students and his significant impacts upon the University's visibility and productivity in basic plant science research.

Dr. Sharrock was highly skilled at introducing both introductory and more advanced biology topics to MSU students. Students reported his methods of lecturing, which involved both humor and relevance of the information presented to them, resulted in their more easily understanding and retaining complex information. Dr. Sharrock was able to reach students at their level and motivate them to want to learn more about how organisms function, how genes are transmitted from one generation to the next, and how organisms evolve. Dr. Sharrock was very active in advising students and helping them to tailor a coursework and research experience plan to enable them to reach their career goals.

Known among plant scientists for his work on how plants perceive light, Dr. Sharrock was a leader in the use of transgenes to study gene function in model plants. He helped to determine the function of each member of the light precepting phytochrome gene family and was highly regarded in the plant science community.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Robert Sharrock the rank of Professor Emeritus of Plant Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None