

January 3, 2023

**ITEM 204-2001-R0123****Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology & Cell Biology upon Thomas Hughes; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Thomas Hughes 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Hughes served as a Cell Biology faculty member for 15 years, making large impacts with his teaching and lab offerings to both undergraduate and graduate students. Significant revitalization of the University's biology curriculum, developing classwork and lab time to learn the art of molecular study, also occurred during Dr. Hughes' tenure.

Dr. Hughes' research has been funded by the National Institute of Health throughout his career. This relationship was to include the proposal to renovate the Cooley Labs, an actual \$15 million in funding. The technology transfer from Dr. Hughes' work is commendable and is still present in the area. As a pioneer in the field of biophysics, Dr. Hughes advanced genetic tools for imaging and manipulating the nervous system.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Thomas Hughes the rank of Professor Emeritus of Microbiology & Cell Biology at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None