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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Nursing upon Dr. Peter Buerhaus; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Peter Buerhaus 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. Peter Buerhaus joined the faculty of the MSU Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing in 2015. Before coming to MSU, he was the Valere Potter Distinguished Professor of Nursing and professor of health policy at Vanderbilt University and assistant professor of health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Buerhaus, a renowned nurse economist, is nationally recognized for his expertise on health care workforce issues. His research involved studies on the economics of the nursing workforce, forecasting nurse and physician supply, developing and testing measures of hospital quality of care, determining public and provider opinions on issues involving the delivery of health care and assessing the quantity and quality of health care provided by nurse practitioners and physicians. Dr. Buerhaus has over 300 publications, more than half of which are peer-reviewed, data-based articles in leading journals. Five of his publications are designated as "classics" by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Dr. Buerhaus has received multiple honors throughout his impressive career. Notable among these being appointed in 2019 to the Committee on the Future of Nursing 2020-2030 of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, which was tasked by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to extend the vision for the nursing profession to help the U.S. create a culture of health, reduce health disparities and improve the health and well-being of the U.S. population in the 21st century. Also in 2019, Dr. Buerhaus was inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars, which honors individuals who have achieved marked professional or scholarly distinction in their fields. In 2022, he was presented with the American Academy of Nursing's Civitas Award which recognizes an individual who exemplifies extraordinary dedication to excellence in promoting quality care. Arguably, Dr. Buerhaus' most prestigious honor was to be elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2003.

During his tenure at Montana State University, Dr. Buerhaus served as the director of the MSU Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies, taught health care policy to undergraduate nursing students, mentored and advised both undergraduate and graduate students, mentored junior faculty across the university, and contributed to multiple university and college committees including the Nursing Formal Review Committee. Dr. Buerhaus exemplified the best of academia as a productive, collegial and generous faculty member. His work has directly benefited MSU, Montana, and the nursing profession.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None