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ITEM 205-2801-R0323

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Environmental Health Technology upon Dr. Carol Reifschneider; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Upon the occasion of retirement of Professor Carol Reifschneider from faculty of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education, Department of Environmental Health Technology at Montana State University Northern, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Carol Reifschneider, a tenured Professor in Environmental Health Technology, received her Ph.D. in Environmental Health Science at the University of Kansas in 1993 and began her career at Montana State University Northern in 1995, earning full Professorship in 2013. In addition to her teaching excellence, Dr. Reifschneider served as Chair of the College of Education, Arts & Sciences and Nursing from 2005-2010, Co-Chair from 2021-2022, and Interim Dean of the College of Education, Arts & Sciences and Nursing from 2011-2012 and 2014-2018. During her leadership of the college, Dr. Reifschneider was instrumental in the college name changing from College of Education, Arts & Science and Nursing to College of Arts, Science & Education and gaining approval from the Board of Regents.

Beyond teaching and administrative work, Dr. Reifschneider served on Academic Senate, Admissions and Standards, Assessment Committee, Northwest Accreditation Committee, General Education Committee, Cultural Development Committee, Financial Aid Committee, Faculty Athletic Representative, Chancellor's Lecture Series Committee, Founder's Day Committee, and Employee Wellness Committee. Dr. Reifschneider served the community in capacities such as Committee on Continuing Education for Water and Wastewater Operators and Water and Wastewater Operators' Advisors Council for Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and the Advisory Council for the Montana Environmental Training Center.

Dr. Reifschneider's contribution to Montana State University Northern is immeasurable. As a professor, Dr. Reifschneider was a role model to many science and science education students given her dedication to teaching and expertise in her discipline. As an administrator Dr. Reifschneider worked within academic affairs and mentored many faculties hired and promoted during her tenure. Therefore, the faculty of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education wholeheartedly recommend that Professor Carol Reifschneider be awarded the title of Professor Emerita.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Carol Reifschneider the rank of Professor Emerita of Environmental Health Technology at Montana State University Northern and wishes her well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None