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ITEM 206-1005-R0523

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of World Languages and Cultures on Clary Loisel; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Clary Loisel from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 25 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Loisel earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida and joined the World Languages and Cultures Department at the University of Montana in 1997. Professor Loisel rose rapidly to the rank of Associate Professor and then Professor. He served as Spanish Section Head numerous times during his tenure.

Professor Loisel was a successful and respected teacher. He was well-known as the Department's Mexicanist and was regularly consulted by students and faculty regarding his research. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to Brazil in 2017 and taught two courses in Spanish at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte. He also received a Faculty Exchange to the University of Guanajuato, Mexico, to teach an undergraduate and graduate course in Spanish in 2009. While at UM, he directed a total of seven study abroad programs to Mexico and Chile for interested students.

Professor Loisel's research was wide ranging and focused on Latin American literature and culture. He was involved in research in the areas of gender issues, film, pedagogy, translation, Portuguese, and Brazilian civilization. He gave numerous public talks on these subjects and published prolifically on these research areas. Among the titles of his books are *Ordem e Progresso: Breve Historia do Brasil* (in Portuguese) and *Clásicos de la literatura hispanoamericana colonial en su contexto sociohistórico* (in Spanish). He also published *Brazilian Queer Theater Under the Dictatorship* as recently as 2020.

Professor Loisel played an important service role on campus in addition to his contributions in the areas of teaching and research. He was heavily involved in the Latin American Studies Committee and served as the acting director whenever the director was abroad or on sabbatical. He also was on the Steering Committee for the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program and participated in the World Affairs Council of Montana. His proudest achievement was representing faculty on the University United Food Planning Committee and helping to feed 5000 hungry Missoulians. The Honors College has recognized him for his commitment to mentoring their students, and Professor Loisel has received several certificates of gratitude acknowledging his contributions.

The Department of World Languages and Culture is pleased to nominate Professor Loisel for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None