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ITEM 206-1011-R0523

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Computer Science on James R. Ullrich; University of Montana-Missoula

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THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of James R. Ullrich, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 30 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. James Ullrich earned his Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University and joined the Psychology Department at The University of Montana in 1969. He rose rapidly to the rank of Associate Professor. From 1979 to 1984, Dr. Ullrich served as Associate Director of the Computer Center. Although Dr. Ullrich began his career in the Psychology Department, his PhD was in Mathematical Psychology. In the mid-1980s, he completed a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science at Oregon State University. And in 1985, he joined the Department of Computer Science, where he continued to teach for many years, including after his retirement in 1994.

Dr. Ullrich taught many core computer science courses, including Logic Programming, Data Structures, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Networks, and Discrete Mathematics. He was a dedicated and engaging teacher who always put his students first. Dr. Ullrich's first priority was supporting his students in achieving their goals through challenging and stimulating classes.

Dr. Ullrich was a dedicated researcher whose work was published in prestigious journals, including the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, *Behavioral Science Research Methods and Instrumentation*, and *Organizational Behavior and Human Performance*. Among numerous other topics, his research focused on areas of multidimensional scaling, conjoint measurement theory, and forest management. He served as Principal Investigator of several grants from the USDA Forest Service that studied the Esthetic Evaluation of Forest Management Activities.

Dr. Ullrich was also involved in faculty governance, and served several terms on the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate.

The Department of Computer Science is pleased to recommend Professor Ullrich for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None