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ITEM 215-1014-R1124

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Integrative Physiology and Athletic Training on Scott Richter; University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Scott Richter from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 32 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

Scott Richter received his B.S. from the University of Montana in 1980 and his M.A. from Oregon State University in 1982. Before UM, Richter served as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Oregon State University and Montana State University. Scott was hired as an assistant certified athletic trainer (ATC) at Montana State University (MSU) in 1982.

In 1985, Scott was hired as the Director of the Athletic Training Program (ATP) and Assistant Professor at the University of Montana in the Department of Health and Human Performance. He taught and advised students in the undergraduate and graduate curriculum. In addition to his teaching load, Scott engaged in scholarly activities throughout his tenure as faculty publishing several articles in collaboration with other HHP faculty. Scott was instrumental in transitioning the undergraduate AT program to the Masters level well ahead of the national mandate. In 2009, he became Chair of the HHP Department and was co-Director of the ATP. In the spring of 2013 Scott stepped down as the Co-Director of the ATP and continued to serve as HHP Department Chairperson and ATP faculty member until his retirement in 2017. Scott was inducted into the UM Athletic Training Hall of Fame in 2018.

Scott's leadership, passion, and commitment to the athletic training profession and the University of Montana are second to none. He has practiced clinically for over 40 years serving as an AT educator and mentor to thousands of athletic trainers. He has served the university and profession in countless ways at the state, regional, and national levels, and even in retirement, continues to dedicate time to advancing the profession by mentoring students, and faculty, and serving student-athletes in underserved communities. He provides athletic training services working the sidelines of high school football games for rural, underserved Montana schools while precepting our graduate students. He continues to work the sideline of Griz football games volunteering his time on the medical staff. Scott led the efforts to create and endow the Naseby & Evelyn Rhinehart Athletic Training Scholarship, in addition to establishing the Scott Richter Professional Development Fund – both support IPAT students at the University of Montana. Scott also dedicates time as a member of the Master of Athletic Training Advisory Board.

The School of Integrative Physiology and Athletic Training is pleased to nominate Professor Richter for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None