

November 21-22, 2024

**ITEM 215-2014-R1124**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Business upon Dr. F. William Brown; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor F. William Brown 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Brown retired following the 2023-2024 academic year, culminating 28 remarkable years of service at Montana State University. During that time, he served as faculty senator, professor and faculty member. Emeritus status is a highly appropriate way to recognize and to celebrate Dr. Brown's leadership and his work in support of Montana State University.

Dr. Brown received a B.A. in Psychology from Louisiana State University, an MPA and MBA from Golden Gate University, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from The George Washington University. Dr. Brown also served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army from 1970 to 1991, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He served on the faculty at Baylor University and the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

While at MSU, Dr. Brown made significant contributions to teaching, research and service. He co-authored two textbooks, gave 50 referred presentations, and authored 35 articles appearing in a variety of prestigious academic journals, including *The Journal of Applied Psychology*, *The Journal of Organizational Behavior*, *The Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, *Research in Higher Education*, and *The Journal Education for Business*. Of note, Dr. Brown's work has been cited more than 3000 times, offering further evidence of his contributions to as a business scholar. Dr. Brown was also the recipient of more than \$1.7M in grant and external funding to study food system education, manufacturing systems, employee productivity, and interpersonal communication skills.

Dr. Brown prepared and taught 14 unique courses across his academic career. He is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the President's Excellence in Teaching Award, the Students Choice Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Jobs Code of Excellence Award, the Thomas Nopper Award for Teaching Excellence, numerous MSU Alumni Association & Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce Awards for Excellence, the Cox Family Award for Excellence in Creative Scholarship and Teaching and the Harold & Reta Haynes Faculty Fellow Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research, and Service. In April 2017, Dr. Brown delivered a Provost's Distinguished Lecturer entitled "Transformations and Revelations: A Journey Through the Evolution of Our Understanding of Leadership and an Emerging Awareness of Emotional Intelligence."

Dr. F. William Brown has served the Jake Jobs College of Business and Entrepreneurship, Montana State University, and the State of Montana with honor and distinction.

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

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**ATTACHMENT**

None