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ITEM 214-2013-R0924

**Request Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Statistics upon John Borkowski;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor John Borkowski from the faculty in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University and the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

John Borkowski earned his B.A. degree in Mathematics from Rutgers University in 1980, followed by an M.A. in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University in 1982 and an M.A. in Statistics from Rutgers University in 1987. He earned his Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Delaware in 1992. He joined the faculty at Montana State University as an assistant professor of statistics in September 1991. He was tenured and promoted to associate professor in 1997 and fully promoted to the rank of professor in 2004.

Dr. Borkowski is a statistician whose research has influenced the areas of response surface methodology, experimental design, sampling design, and statistical quality control. Throughout his career, he has exemplified excellence in scholarship, teaching, and mentorship. During that time, he has published over 90 peer-reviewed journal articles and given over 100 conference and seminar presentations; he has advised 22 PhD students and mentored over 50 M.S. students; and has taught a total of 30 different courses at MSU. Since 2005 he has committed a substantial portion of his scholarly activity to building statistical expertise in Thailand and Vietnam through research, teaching, and mentoring scholars there.

Dr. Borkowski has a long history of mentoring and advocating for graduate students at MSU. Since 2000, Dr. Borkowski has chaired or served on the Graduate Program Committee in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. Among other university and professional service, he has served as the faculty mentor for the African Society at Montana State University and since 2007 has been a member of the Editorial Review Board for the journal *Thailand Statistician*.

Notable awards that Dr. Borkowski has accrued include the 2006 College of Letters and Science Distinguished Professorship, the 2011 MSU Mortar Board Professor of the Month for November, an Honorary Doctorate in Statistics from Thammasat University, Thailand, in 2013, and the 2014 MSU Provost's Award for Graduate Research/Creative Mentoring. In 2008, he was awarded a Fulbright Lecturer Fellowship at Thammasat University in Thailand.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. John Borkowski the rank of Professor Emeritus of Statistics at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None