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ITEM 216-2802-R0125

Request for Authorization to Confer Posthumously the Title of Professor Emeritus of Business Administration upon Professor Lanny Wilke; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Upon the passing of Professor Lanny Wilke from faculty of the College of Technical Sciences, Department of Business Administration at Montana State University Northern, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Professor Lanny Wilke was a tenured Professor in Business Administration, having received his Master's in Education-Vocational Education from MSU Northern and was pursuing his doctorate in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University (Baltimore). Professor Wilke began his career at Montana State University Northern in 1996 and over the years progressed through the teaching ranks to full Professorship. In addition to his teaching excellence, Professor Wilke was instrumental in the development of the B.A.S. Trades Management degree and assisted in the development of the B.S. Diesel Technology – Equipment Management option. He also delivered several workshops for on-campus, local and regional groups.

Beyond teaching and administrative work, Professor Wilke was actively involved with the MSU Northern campus. He was actively involved with various groups and committees on campus including: faculty Academic Senate; Instruction/Research/Faculty Development Committee; Library Committee; Students Excellence Award Committee; NWCCU review committees; faculty Union; and participated in numerous faculty and staff search committees.

Professor Wilke was a long-time advisor for the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), ENACTUS, and Business Professionals of America (BPA) clubs. He mentored several of the club members during state and national conferences. As part of his academic responsibilities, Professor Wilke was a very active, yet patient, advisor for students needing assistance in academic advising, career preparation, employment and exposure to career opportunities in their chosen career fields. His advising sessions went beyond the MSU Northern campus and extended into several Tribal colleges throughout Montana.

Professor Wilke was a member of several professional organizations, for example, the Montana Business Education Association (MEBA), the National Business Education Association (NBEA), the International Business Education (ISBEA), and the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).

Professor Wilke influenced the education and careers of numerous students across many disciplines. He was truly a valuable leader and asset to many programs on this campus, an asset to the College of Technical Sciences, MSU Northern, and Havre. He has, through his role as an educator, positively influenced the lives of many students, faculty and community members. Sadly, Professor Wilke passed away last summer and to honor him, the faculty of the College of Technical Sciences wholeheartedly recommend that Professor Lanny Wilke be awarded posthumously the title of Professor Emeritus.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer posthumously on Professor Lanny Wilke the rank of Professor Emeritus of Business Administration at Montana State University Northern.

ATTACHMENTS:

None