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**Professor Emeritus of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures: Robert W. Acker; The University of Montana–Missoula**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Robert W. Acker from the faculty of UM-Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, 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:**

Robert Acker is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota. He earned his baccalaureate degree in German and Mathematics at St. John's University (MN) in 1968. The University of Texas at Austin awarded him the degree of Ph.D. in 1974. During the intervening years he studied at the University of Tübingen. Since award of the doctorate, he has been a frequent participant in Fulbright Seminars in German Studies and NEH Seminars.

Professor Acker joined the faculty at The University of Montana – Missoula in 1979 and was promoted to the rank of Professor in 1988. During his years at this university, in addition to his crucial contributions to the teaching mission of the department and university, Professor Acker has been a giant in service on all levels: most recently, since 2006, he has served as chairperson of the department; he has been a leader in the Montana Association of Language Teachers and edited *Selecta, Journal of the Pacific Northwest Council of Foreign Languages*, and given valuable years-long service as a bibliographer for the Modern Languages Association. His publication record is also most commendable, including edited volumes; numerous articles in scholarly journals; many reviews for scholarly journals; and presentations at professional conferences at numerous regional, national, and international venues. He has participated regularly as director of the department's Study Abroad program in Germany and Austria. Professor Acker's record includes numerous awards in support of his teaching and research. We hope that the long and excellent record of a colleague who has served us well and deserves well of us will be recognized with the award of Emeritus rank.