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ITEM 161-2702-R1113

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Art, Montana State University Billings;
Professor Brian Cast**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Brian Cast from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for his 26 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Art, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Brian Cast earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Art in 1981 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois; and earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in Sculpture in 1987 from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

After the completion of his graduate studies, Professor Cast was hired as an Instructor of Art at Montana State University Billings (then Eastern Montana College). In 1988, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Art; in 1994, he was promoted to Associate Professor of Art; and in 2001, he was promoted to Professor of Art.

During his tenure at Montana State University Billings, Professor Cast served the Department of Art as a teacher of sculpture, three-dimensional foundations, careers in art and art fundamentals; as Department Chairperson from 2002-2006; as a member of the Department Rank and Tenure Committee; as an Advisor to student art majors; as a member of the Art Scholarship Selection Committee; as a Member of Department Search Committees and other ad hoc task forces; as a developer of department curricula; and through participation in many other activities within the department.

During his tenure at Montana State University Billings, Professor Cast served the college and the university as the Art Annex Building Manager; as a member of the Arts and Sciences Travel Committee, the University Sabbatical Committee, the Research and Creative Endeavor Committee, and the Campus Safety Committee; and through participation in many other campus activities.

Beyond the campus, Professor Cast has served the profession of art through exhibition of his work in over 40 local, regional, and national venues, including solo and group shows, both juried and invitational; and through numerous workshops offered to students and members of the community. He also served the public as an *Arts Pro Consultant* for the Montana Arts Council, through speaking engagements at the Yellowstone Art Museum and other art venues; and by donating numerous artworks to campus, local and regional charitable art auctions throughout the years.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty members of the Department of Art are pleased to nominate Professor Brian Cast for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Art at Montana State University Billings.