

January 7, 2014

**ITEM 162-1010-R0114**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Political Science on Jonathan R. Tompkins, University of Montana.**

---

**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Jonathan Tompkins from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred up on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

---

**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Tompkins received three degrees in Political Science: a B.A. degree from Pacific Lutheran University in 1972, an M.A. degree from The University of Washington in 1974, and a Ph.D. from The University of Washington in 1981. He has served at the University of Montana since 1981.

Professor Tompkins was a dedicated and popular teacher and student advisor. He taught a diversity of classes in the areas of American Government and Public Administration. He was perhaps best known for his deep dedication to redesigning programs in the Political Science Department's Master in Public Administration program in ways that made the program relevant and accessible to working professionals, including making the entire program available online.

Professor Tompkins is an accomplished scholar. He published two books and a long list of articles and book chapters focusing on organizational theory and public management. A notable characteristic of Dr. Tompkins' scholarship was his focus on practical and accessible writing for students and administrators.

Professor Tompkins also excelled in the area of service. Perhaps his greatest service contributions can be seen in the significant administrative responsibilities and posts he occupied. Prominent among them were serving as Chair of the Political Science Department from 1986-1993 and then again from 2001-2006, Director of the MPA program from 1982-2006, and as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2006 until his retirement in 2013.

Recognition of Jonathan R. Tompkins as Professor Emeritus is duly warranted given his long record of distinguished service at the University of Montana as a teacher, scholar, and citizen.

---

**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments