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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on William J. Docktor, University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of William J. Docktor from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 37 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Pharmacy Practice, the Skaggs School of Pharmacy, the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences 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

Professor Docktor earned his postgraduate Pharm.D. degree at the University of Michigan in 1977; he had previously obtained a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from North Dakota State University in 1974. He joined the faculty at UM in 1977 as an Assistant Professor, rose to the rank of Associate Professor in 1983, and to Full Professor in 1998. As such, his contributions to UM and the Pharmacy program have spanned 37 years.

Professor Docktor has been an active part of the growth of the Pharmacy program over the years. His expertise in cardiovascular and psychiatric pharmacotherapy served as part of the foundation for the development of UM's clinical pharmacy programs. His tenure at UM spanned the time when pharmacy progressed from a product-based to a patient-based profession and he was integral this progression in UM's program. Moreover, he has always been regarded as an effective and knowledgeable instructor who encouraged students to perform at a high level. He served many years on the School of Pharmacy curriculum committee and has also been a key person in the evolution of the pharmacy program instruction.

His expertise in cardiovascular and psychiatric medicine was shared on UM, local community, and state levels. Professor Docktor has contributed to the Department of Psychology through teaching psychopharmacotherapy for many years. Since his hire, he has worked closely with Providence St. Patrick Hospital and was integral to the development of clinical pharmacy programs at that hospital, while at the same incorporating Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) experiential rotations for the pharmacy students. In addition, he has regularly given of his time and brought recognition to UM for his work with community groups such as the U.S. Forest Service, professional pharmacy organizations (including serving as President of the Montana Society of Hospital Pharmacists), and state organizations, including serving for many years on the Montana Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors.

Finally, Professor Docktor has always met the expectations of a well-rounded faculty member. In addition to his extensive teaching and service activities, he has published in state and national journals, has given platform presentations and presented posters at state and national meetings, and has received grants to fund the development of programs. He is a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and was in the first group of national pharmacists in 1991 to receive that designation.

In recognition of his significant role in the development of clinical pharmacy practice at the School of Pharmacy, the Missoula medical community, and the state of Montana, the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences is pleased to nominate Dr. William J. Doctor for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments.