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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of English on Will Rawn; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Will Rawn from the faculty of the Department of English, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 25 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Rawn received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Iowa in December of 1985. He had served at several other institutions prior to his start at MSU-Northern in 1990. At Northern, he had moved through the ranks to Full Professor in 1995. In his tenure at Northern, Will has served as the library Director 1997-'00, Dean of Arts and Sciences 2000-'03, and Interim Dean for the College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing 2004-'06. Dr. Rawn has been an English faculty member teaching: composition, contemporary literature, intro to humanities, children's literature and world literature, and development of the novel, among others. His course evaluations have been excellent throughout the years, and his online courses are exemplary.

Beyond his teach activity, Will has been the primary advisor for English secondary students. He has served on numerous committees for faculty, staff, and administration searches. In addition, Dr. Rawn has served on numerous boards and committees, both on and off campus. Will has been an instrumental author and Chair of the committee responsible for the Education Initial Program's Conceptual Framework, which received accolades from OPI in 2008-2011.

Dr. Rawn has been active in scholarship. He has taken leave the past two Falls as a means of taking the time to write a novel. His work has been published in the South Carolina Review, the Montana Professor, the Louisville Review, and the Language Arts Journal of Michigan, among others.

The Faculty Senate is pleased to nominate Professor Will Rawn for the rank of Professor Emeritus.

ATTACHMENTS

None