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ITEM 138-2801-R0108

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Business upon Roger Barber; Montana State University – Northern

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Roger Barber from the faculty of Montana State University – Northern, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Technical 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:

Roger Barber joined the faculty of the Department of Business at Montana State University – Northern (then Northern Montana College) in 1980. He advanced through the academic ranks at Northern and was promoted to full Professor in 1990. During his 23 years of service to the university, Roger has shown himself to be a strong advocate of the institution, dedicated to the success of his students.

A native Montanan, Roger was raised in the small farming community of Denton, Montana. After high school, Roger went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Montana in 1967. He returned to UM twice to earn both a Masters degree in Business Administration in 1971, and a Juris Doctorate degree in Law in 1983.

Prior to joining the faculty at Northern, Professor Barber taught for four years at the School of Business Administration at the University of Montana – Missoula. He also worked as a researcher and consultant for the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention, served on the staff of United States Senator Lee Metcalf for fourteen months, and worked on a research project titled 'The Indian Civil Rights Task Force'.

Professor Barber came to Northern Montana College where his career flourished as he became a strong influence both in and out of the classroom. In his time at Northern, Professor Barber held a number of administrative positions, including a four-year term as Chair of the Business Department, Acting Dean of the College of Technical Sciences for one year, and Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor for four and a half years.