

March 5-7, 2008

ITEM 138-2701-R0308

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Music Upon Dr. Gary Behm; Montana State University Billings**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Gary Behm from the faculty of Montana State University-Billings, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Music, the College of Arts and 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:**

Upon his retirement May 7, 2008, the faculty of the Department of Music unanimously requests emeritus status for Professor Gary Behm. Professor Gary Behm has completed a distinguished academic career of 29 years at Montana State University-Billings. During his tenure, Professor Behm served as an Assistant, Associate and a full Professor. Dr. Behm served his department as Chair for 27 years.

Professor Behm received his Bachelor of Music degree from University of Iowa, his M.A. from University of Iowa and his Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has honored his profession through the many public performances as a Clarinet Recitalist both on our campus and throughout the United States. Throughout his career he has taught many rigorous courses in Music at Montana State University-Billings in the disciplines of Theory, Aural Skills, Band, Jazz, Instrumentation and Arranging, Conducting, Form and Analysis, Woodwind Performance, Woodwind Pedagogy and Pep Band.

He has served the University through his participation on five departmental and university committees including: Graduate Committee, Graduate Faculty Committee, Academic Standards Committee, DRTC Committee and URTC Committee.

Professor Gary Behm has made significant contributions to the students and faculty in the Department of Music, the College of Arts and Sciences and to the Montana community. Montana State University-Billings wishes to honor Professor Behm for his outstanding contributions to higher education and his discipline. We congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him the very best for the future.