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**Professor Emeritus of English: Sharon Beehler; Montana State University-Bozeman**

**THAT:**

Upon the occasion of the retirement Sharon Beehler from the faculty of Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

**EXPLANATION:**

Professor Beehler received her doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1978. She joined the faculty of Montana State University as an Instructor in 1985 and as an Assistant Professor in 1987. Professor Beehler was promoted to Associate Professor in 1993, and she was promoted to Full Professor in 2004.

Professor Beehler's scholarly fields are Shakespeare and English Education. As her vita indicates, she has published widely in her fields. She is the editor of two books, edited the journal *Quidditas* from 1998-2003, and has numerous other chapters and essays in print. She has given dozens of presentations and invited lectures.

As a teacher, Professor Beehler has been committed to excellence, both in her own teaching and in the quality of teaching produced by our graduates. She has taught all levels of writing, including English 123, Introduction to Literary Studies, and a host of other courses including the early British Survey, Children's Literature, Multicultural Literature, Shakespeare, the capstone for teaching option students, and graduate courses in pedagogy. All our students benefit from Professor Beehler's teaching: our literature majors praise her knowledge and her careful preparation, and our teaching option students praise her dedication to their successful careers as teachers.

In service, Professor Beehler has served on virtually all Department committees many times. Moreover, as the lone English Education faculty member for many years, she has long since surpassed any reasonable expectation for dedicated advising.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Sharon Beehler the rank of Professor Emeritus of English at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.