

March 1-2, 2012

**ITEM 154-2703-R0312**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Music, Montana State University Billings:  
Dr. James D. Robertson**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Robertson from the faculty Montana State University Billings, the faculty, staff, students, and administration wish to extend their appreciation for his 28 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Music, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred on Dr. James D. Robertson by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

James Robertson earned his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Montana in 1966; and earned his Master of Music degree in 1968 from the University of Montana. In December of 1983 he earned his DA in Trombone and Conducting from the University of Northern Colorado.

Before he began his graduate studies, James was hired as a grade school and then a high school band director in Seattle, Washington. After completion of his graduate studies he taught at several universities in West Virginia, Michigan and Oregon. In 1983 he was hired to teach low brass, theory, aural skills, pedagogy, instrumentation and arranging and jazz ensemble at Montana State University Billings Professor Robertson has not only maintained a rigorous performance schedule but has contributed his talents by instructing many young musicians at various music camps, in workshops and in master classes. He has also published numerous articles in various publications including the International Trombone Association Journal.

His dedication to the State and National Collegiate Music Educators Conference has seen him serve the organization in many positions of leadership, not only at the State level but on the National level as well. He has served the University through his participation on numerous departmental and university committees. Most recently he was elected to the University Rank and Tenure Committee. He has served not only the Department of Music and the College of Arts and Sciences but has contributed his time and talents to the community with his participation in and organization of music groups such as Tuba Christmas and the Yellowstone Brass Quintet. For many years he has served as principal trombonist of the Billings Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Robertson 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 Robertson for his outstanding contributions to higher education and his discipline. We congratulate him on his retirement and wish him the very best for the future.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Department of Music are pleased to nominate Professor Dr. James D. Robertson for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Music at Montana State University Billings.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None