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Authorization to Confer the Title of Dean & Professor Emeritus on David S. Forbes, University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of David S. Forbes from the faculty and administration of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 26 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of both Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor and Dean David S. Forbes earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, graduating with a Ph.D. in Pharmacy Administration in 1973. He rose from Assistant to Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at North Dakota State University from 1973 to 1988. In July 1988, Dr. Forbes accepted the position of Professor of Pharmacy and Dean of what was then the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences at the University of Montana (UM). After the addition of programs in Social Work and Public & Community Health Sciences, the School later restructured to become the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences (CHPBS) and Forbes continued to serve as Dean until his retirement, other than during 2012-2013 when he served as UM's Interim Vice President for Research and Creative Scholarship. While Dr. Forbes' record provides evidence that he was a productive faculty member in all areas of teaching, scholarship, and service, this nomination focuses on his administrative achievements at UM.

Most notable of Dr. Forbes' many accomplishments is the development of the School of Pharmacy and CHPBS that occurred under his leadership. Upon his arrival in 1988, the School of Pharmacy faced serious accreditation issues. Dean Forbes rallied the support of the faculty, students and practitioners across the state of Montana, as well as the Montana Pharmacy Association, to successfully lobby for support from the state legislature to save the pharmacy program. Since this investment in the pharmacy school, the clinical programs expanded and thrived under his direction, and the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences (BMED) evolved into a major research locus at UM. To facilitate growth in research, Dean Forbes was instrumental in fundraising that resulted in the construction of new additions to the Skaggs Building that houses the School of Pharmacy (both Pharmacy Practice and BMED departments including research laboratory space) as well as the School of Physical Therapy and the newer School of Public and Community Health Sciences. He also was instrumental in the creation of UM affiliations with other significant programs including the Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana (FMRWM).

While building the pharmacy and related health programs, Dean Forbes was an excellent UM ambassador with public organizations, especially those related to health care. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Montana Pharmacy Association continuously since his hire at UM and was active in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, including serving as a site team reviewer for other pharmacy programs and as Administrative Board Representative on the Council of Deans; these affiliations enhanced

the status of the UM Pharmacy program on both state and national levels. He also served on the Board of Directors for every major health care organization in Missoula, including the Community Medical Center Foundation, Mountain West Home Health and Hospice, Partners in Home Care (including as President), Saint Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, and the FMRWM. He was Chair of the Board of Trustees at SPH during a critical time period that included a major building project (Broadway Building) and the hiring of a new President and CEO. Dean Forbes' local activities clearly advanced the relationships of UM health programs with the Missoula community.

Dean Forbes has received several awards and honors in recognition of the significant impact of his work, including: Pharmacist of the Year in 1992 by the MPA, U Wisc Alumnus of the Year in 2000, UM Robert T. Pantzer Award in 2002, a U Wisc Citation of Merit in 2004, and the Montana Ambassadors' Michael P. Malone Educator of the Year Award in 2009.

In recognition of his significant vision and role in the development of the CHPBS at university, local, state and national levels, it is without reservation that the Department of Pharmacy Practice nominates David S. Forbes for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments.