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ITEM 166-2801-R0315

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Welding Technology upon Dr. Virgil Hawkinson; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Virgil Hawkinson from the faculty of Montana State University Northern (MSUN), the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for years of dedication and 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

Dr. Virgil Hawkinson joined the Welding program faculty at MSU Northern in the fall of 1984. Virgil graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with minors in Physical Science and English in 1969 from the University of Minnesota St. Cloud, and with a Master of Science in Industrial Education in 1978. Virgil completed his Doctorate in Adult and Higher Education from Montana State University in 2000. He came to MSUN after working seven years as a welder in the construction and mining industry, reaching the status as a Journeyman Pipefitter. He then entered education, working for the Duluth Area Vo-Tech teaching welding and certification for five years.

Virgil has been a leader at MSUN, having served as a member, and frequently chair, of almost every subcommittee of the academic senate. He has been active in regional accreditation and in program accreditation for the Engineering Technology programs and served as Chair of the Department of Industrial and Engineering Technology for six years. He was instrumental in the development of programs in Manufacturing and Railroad Technology in addition to his welding program assignments and has continually maintained and upgraded his credentials as a welding professional and educator over the years. He is qualified as a Certified Welding Inspector by the American Welding Society. Dr. Hawkinson is an active member of the American Welding Society, The Society of Manufacturing Engineers, International Society of Welding Educators and the Professional Association of Diving Instructors.

Virgil is an active member of the Havre community as a regular supporter of the arts, libraries, and museums in the area. He has made presentations to many community groups and is an accomplished photographer.

The award of Emeritus to Professor Hawkinson demonstrates our high esteem for him as a colleague and would show appreciation and recognition of his twenty-nine years of service to MSUN and to Montana Higher Education.

ATTACHMENTS

None