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**ITEM 168-1008-R0915**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Timothy R. Bradstock –  
University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Timothy R. Bradstock from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 23 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr Bradstock earned his Ph.D. in East Asian Studies at Harvard University and then joined the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures as Assistant Professor of Chinese language and literature in 1991. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994, received tenure in 1997, and was promoted to Professor in 2005.

As a teacher, Professor Bradstock consistently earned strong teaching evaluations and received praise for the breadth of his knowledge about China and Chinese studies and for his commitment to high academic standards. He established a Chinese minor shortly after arriving at UM and taught a wide variety of courses, ranging from elementary and advanced Chinese to modern and pre-modern Chinese literature and culture. The new course offerings that he developed at UM include traditional Chinese poetry, classical language, readings in ancient literature, and twentieth century short fiction. Professor Bradstock took pride in making himself as available as possible and was unstinting with his time when students needed help. He also made a point of providing extensive feedback on all written assignments, often commenting that during his own student years he would have benefited immeasurably had his own instructors provided the same level of assistance.

In the area of service, Dr. Bradstock made numerous contributions throughout his career at UM. Among the committees on which he served were Library and Archives, Academic Standards and Curriculum Review, Fulbright Selection, Asian Studies, Parking and Traffic Appeals, and Financial Aid. He was particularly active in the acquisition of Asia-related books and materials for the Mansfield Library, serving as head of the Asian Studies library subcommittee for more than a decade. At the departmental level, he served on the Faculty Evaluation Committee on multiple occasions, acting as Chair at least three times. Dr. Bradstock was Head of the Chinese Section throughout his years at UM, except for two years while on sabbatical leave and a year spent on a Faculty Exchange in China. Besides developing the Chinese minor, he assisted with designing the East Asian Studies major. Professor Bradstock gave advice to students seeking counseling on careers involving China, graduate work, or preparing for study abroad. He provided help to people in the local community, answering questions about China and fulfilling miscellaneous requests to translate inscriptions.

Professor Bradstock's research activity has focused upon *kanshi*, a genre of poetry written in classical Chinese by Japanese poets during the seventh through nineteenth centuries. In this area he has collaborated with Professor Judith Rabinovitch, Karashima Tsukasa Professor of Japanese Language and Culture at UM. Their combined skills in classical Chinese and Japanese have enabled them to carry out pioneering research in an important area of Sino-Japanese literature, which outside of Asia is still relatively undeveloped. Together they have published four collections of annotated translations of *kanshi* and are

currently finishing a fifth. Their most recent publication is an entry in the *Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Japanese Literature*, published 2015, on trends in *kanshi* composition during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Another article is in press with the Cornell's Asian Studies. Professors Bradstock and Rabinovitch plan to continue their collaborative research activity well into their retirement and make further scholarly contributions to the field of Sino-Japanese classical literature.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures is pleased to nominate Professor Timothy R. Bradstock for emeritus status.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments