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ITEM 168-1014-R0915**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences on Elizabeth Ikeda – University of Montana-Missoula**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Elizabeth Ikeda from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 25 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Professor Ikeda is a native Montanan who earned her BS degree in Pre-Physical Therapy from the University of Montana in 1979. She continued her education at the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences, completing her Physical Therapy certification in 1981 and pursued a master's (1989) and doctorate (2004) of Physical Therapy from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions. She is a board-certified orthopedic physical therapy specialist and holds a manual therapy certification. She joined the faculty at UM in 1990 as an Assistant Professor, rose to the rank of Associate Professor in 1994, and to Full Professor in 2009.

Beth has been an active part of the growth of the physical therapy program over the past 25 years. Her expertise in orthopedic physical therapy served as part of the foundation for the development of the physical therapy programs. Her tenure at UM spanned the time when the physical therapy program transitioned from an entry bachelor level degree to master and finally doctorate and she was integral to that progression. Moreover, Beth has always been regarded as an effective and knowledgeable instructor who encourages students to perform at a high level. Many years were served on the School of Physical Therapy curriculum committee and she was instrumental in the evolution of the physical therapy program instruction.

Her expertise in orthopedic physical therapy was shared on UM, local community, and state levels. Since her hire, she incorporated her clinical expertise in the classroom and focused her teaching on generating critical thinking and metacognition skills in her students. In addition, she dedicated her time and brought recognition to UM for her service work with various community groups. Beth served on the Board of Directors of the Montana Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association for 17 years and most recently led the chapter as President. In that role she facilitated a new strategic plan, improved relationships with state and national legislators and implemented changes to practice act rules. Her service also extended beyond the discipline of physical therapy by serving on boards such as the Montana Gerontology Society, Missoula Diabetes Association, and Institute of Medicine & Humanities.

Finally, Beth has always met the expectations of a well-rounded faculty member. In addition to her extensive teaching and service activities, she has published in state and national journals and throughout her career gave platform presentations and presented posters at state and national meetings. She is a Board Certified Orthopedic Physical Therapy Specialist and was in the first person in Montana to receive that designation.

In recognition of her significant role in the development of clinical education in the School of Physical

Therapy & Rehabilitation Science, the Missoula medical community, and the State of Montana, the School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science and College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences is pleased to nominate Dr. Beth Ikeda for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments