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ITEM 172-1005-R0916

Request for authorization to confer the title of Provost Emeritus on Perry Brown – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Provost Perry Brown from the University of Montana, the University wishes to express its appreciation for his 22 years of service by requesting that the rank of Provost Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Provost Brown has served the University of Montana with distinction for a total of 22 years as Dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation (CFC), Associate Provost for Graduate Education, Interim Provost, and lastly as Provost. In those roles, he has overseen the strengthening of the CFC in teaching, research, and outreach; he put in place the TARA (Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant) non-resident tuition waiver; and he oversaw the development of numerous academic innovations.

He has considerable expertise in natural resource social science, policy and planning, recreation behavior and planning, and wilderness studies. His Ph.D. is from Utah State University and emphasized outdoor recreation and social psychology. A lifelong resident of the western United States, he has served on the faculties of Utah State University, Colorado State University, and Oregon State University, in addition to the University of Montana.

Dr. Brown's accomplishments as Provost are wide-ranging and have established a strong future direction for UM. Among them: the Brain Initiative, the Big Data Initiative, and our annual Celebrate Academics programs. He developed and implemented UM's Programs of National Distinction and oversaw development of the UM 2020 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Brown has been a relentless advocate for the University of Montana. He has maintained an intense interest in international activity and helped UM establish its strong reputation in global affairs. Throughout his career, he has maintained his status as a publishing scholar and a mentor to graduate students.

The University of Montana wishes to acknowledge Provost Brown's tremendous influence in making UM a better and stronger University. We thank him for his many contributions to UM and to Montana higher education overall, and will always appreciate his loyalty, his "can-do" attitude, and his quest for excellence.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments