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ITEM 172-1010-R0916

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Lori Morin – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Lori Morin from the University of Montana, the University wishes to express its appreciation for her 33 years of service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Lori J. Morin earned her undergraduate, professional and graduate degrees at the University of Montana, starting with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1976, Master of Business Administration in 1981, and her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2007. She joined the faculty at the UM School of Pharmacy in 1981 as an Assistant Professor, rose to the rank of Associate Professor in 1987, and promoted to Full Professor in 1997. In 1991, Emeritus Dean Forbes appointed her to the position of Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and she served in that role until her retirement. Her contributions to the University of Montana and the School of Pharmacy have gone on over 33 years.

Lori played an active role in the growth of the professional pharmacy program. Her expertise in Social and Administrative Pharmacy Practice was integral to the development of those disciplines in the pharmacy curriculum. Her tenure at UM spanned the time when pharmacy evolved from a product-based to a patient-based profession and she was integral to that progression in our program. Her teaching covered many important aspects of community pharmacy practice, such as Pharmacy Law and Management. She was a primary contributor to the evolution of pharmacy practice laboratory courses to include skills directed at comprehensive patient care.

Her significant involvement in the progression of the pharmacy profession was shared at UM, local community, and state levels. Lori acquired extensive knowledge regarding student services at UM and regularly participated in campus-wide committees and work groups in that area. She also served on other campus committees. She received and coordinated millions of dollars in grant funding, scholarships, and student loans to pharmacy students. In her later years, she became involved with diversity programs in the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, and was Principal Investigator of the HRSA funded Native American/Alaskan Native Center of Excellence, a grant she remains active with in retirement. Notably, the funding she received for her diversity initiatives was integral to the completion of the south addition to the Skaggs Building, which was leveraged into additional extramural funding necessary to complete construction. The south end of the building houses biomedical and pharmaceutical science faculty and their laboratories, which are also integral to the pre-pharmacy and first two years of the professional pharmacy program curriculum.

Within the profession, Lori was most notably active in the Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA). She served on the Board of Directors for many years and is a Past-President of MPA. She was a primary liaison between the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy and MPA, contributing greatly to an effective working relationship between the School and the profession of pharmacy in Montana. In recognition of her extensive involvement, MPA named a scholarship after her that will be given annually to a deserving

pharmacy student. Finally, she was also active in national organizations and programs directed at pharmacy education.

In recognition of her significant contributions to the Skaggs School of Pharmacy, College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, and the University at local and state levels, we nominate Professor Lori J. Morin for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments