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ITEM 174-2704-R0117

Request for Authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance upon Dr. Kathe Gabel

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Kathe Gabel from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty extends its appreciation to Dr. Gabel for her years of dedicated and valued service to the Department of Health and Human Performance, to the University, and to the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Kathe Gabel earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics in 1973 from Montana State University and completed a Dietetic Internship with Barnes Medical Center in St. Louis, MO in 1974. She earned her Master of Science degree in Administrative Food Services in 1979 from Colorado State University and received her Ph.D. in Nutrition with an emphasis in Exercise in 1987 from Utah State University. She has professional certifications and licenses as a Registered Dietician (ADA), Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD), Adult Weight Management and ISAK Kinanthropometry.

Prior to her time at MSUB, Dr. Gabel held the rank of Full Professor at the University of Idaho. She retired from the University of Idaho in spring 2008, and in fall 2008 Dr. Gabel began teaching part-time for Montana State University Billings in the Department of Health and Human Services. In fall 2008 she was appointed to a full-time fixed position and in fall 2011 Kathe was hired as a Full Professor. In spring 2014 Dr. Gabel earned tenure from Montana State University Billings.

During her tenure at Montana State University Billings, Dr. Gabel served the Department as a leader, researcher, teacher and advisor. She served the Department as a teacher of Health and Human Performance; as Department Chair from May 2012 to present; and as an Advisor to Health and Human Performance and Health and Wellness majors. In fall 2015 she served the College of Allied Health Professions as Interim Dean. She has served on the Student Health Services Advisory Committee, Student Recreation Center Design, University Rank and Tenure Committee, Academic Standards, Academic Computing and Allied Technology and University Assessment.

She has been a mainstay for Nutrition for Sport and Exercise and Exercise Physiology course and has taught Foundations of Exercise Science, Nutrition for Health Careers, Human Nutrition, and Research Methods in Health and Human Performance. Dr. Gabel has been a dedicated mentor to new faculty and a valued colleague by all with whom she has worked, providing expertise and guidance. She procured funds for additional laboratory equipment and to remodel a classroom space into laboratory space which supports student research. She has been a tireless advocate for undergraduate research and has supervised and assisted with more than 20 undergraduate and seven graduate thesis as well as numerous student research projects. Dr. Gable worked with two students, who completed undergraduate research that was accepted to the European College of Sport Science Congress (Amsterdam) and the Conference on Kinesiology,

Exercise and Sport Sciences (Paris). Since the students did not attend, Dr. Gabel presented their projects for them at the conferences.

Dr. Gabel co-authored and co-edited the current KIN 105 text (*Foundations of Exercise Science*). She has 53 scholarly, peer-reviewed book chapters, manuscripts or abstract publication and has presented over 42 professional workshops, seminars and presentations at the state, regional, national and international levels.

During her tenure at Montana State University Billings, Kathe Gabel received the Faculty Excellence Award in 2015 and the Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009. Other noteworthy recognitions Kathe has received include the June Yerrington Award for the Idaho Dietetics Association, Outstanding Life-Time Service Award in 2003 and had the opportunity to be a Visiting Professor at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland UK in 1998.

It is for these numerous and highly notable contributions that faculty in the Department of Health and Human Performance have nominated Dr. Kathe Gabel for the rank of Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance at Montana State University Billings. It is also for these contributions that I concur with the Department's recommendation.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the nomination of Dr. Kathe Gabel as Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance, College of Allied Health Professions, Montana State University Billings.

ATTACHMENTS

None