

September 13-14, 2017

**ITEM 176-2004-R0917**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Economics upon Gary Brester, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

The faculty of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics of Montana State University wishes to express its appreciation for Gary Brester's 25 years of dedicated scholarship, teaching, and service to the University, and the state of Montana, by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon Dr. Brester by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

After completing his Ph.D. in Economics at North Carolina State University in 1990, Dr. Brester joined Kansas State University as an Assistant Professor. He had success in teaching, research, and service and was promoted to Associate Professor. After two years as an Associate Professor Dr. Brester moved back to Bozeman and joined the faculty in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics in 1997 as an Associate Professor. Three years later Dr. Brester was awarded the title of Professor. During his career he has served on dozens of department, college, and university-level committees. and has amassed over 30 awards and honors.

Professor Brester is a widely-published author with over 40 peer-reviewed publications, as well as a talented and captivating speaker on many economics issues, holding particular expertise on agricultural price analysis, risk management, industry structure and regulation, and trade. He has shared his expertise on this topic extensively, presenting outreach education sessions 35-50 times per year to nonacademic community groups, Montana Legislative committees, and other stakeholders. Dr. Brester has written dozens of articles and non-referred articles for economic journals and magazines and has delivered hundreds of presentations of his work. A short sampling of his recent publications illustrate relevancy of his research: "Forecasting a Moving Target: The Roles of Quality and Timing for Determining Northern U.S. Wheat Basis" (2016), "Net Returns from Terrain-based Variable-Rate Nitrogen Management on Dryland Spring Wheat in Northern Montana" (2015); "Evolving U.S. Beef Export Market Access Requirements for Age and Source Verification" (2013); "The Economics of Production" (2009); "A Semiparametric Approach to Analyzing Quality-Differentiated Agricultural Markets" (2013); and "Evaluating the Farmer's-Share-of-the-Retail-Dollar Statistic." (2009).

Dr. Brester's excellence in research is matched by his outstanding teaching. He has taught courses at all levels, ranging from Introductory Economics to Farm and Ranch Management, to Production Economics, to Agricultural Finance and Marketing.

In summary, Gary Brester has served Montana State University well by combining his outstanding knowledge of Economics with his skills in research and teaching to increase understanding of critical issues and to communicate his unique knowledge to stakeholders in Montana. His work ranges from the local to the national, and international, and he continues to be actively involved in communicating his knowledge. Professor Brester is an outstanding candidate for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None