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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy on Gayle Hudgins

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Gayle Hudgins from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express their appreciation for her 41 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Gayle Hudgins earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Duquesne University School of Pharmacy in 1976. After serving as a clinical instructor at Duquesne for four years, she joined the faculty in the University of Montana School of Pharmacy in 1976 as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Hudgins was promoted to Associate Professor in 1982, tenured in 1983 and promoted to full Professor in 1988. She was the inaugural Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice in 1991, a position in which she served until 2001. During her tenure at UM, she earned nine merit awards over the course of her distinguished career in pharmacy education.

Dr. Hudgins was highly respected for her contributions to teaching. She taught courses in a wide range of topics including but not limited to clinical pharmacy, pharmacy relations, gerontology, therapeutics, hospital pharmacy, sterile products, and over-the-counter products. Her teaching included both classroom and online courses and extended outside of her department through the geriatric curriculum and interprofessional education, coursework that nursing students regularly participated in. She was consistently rated as above normal or outstanding for her contributions to teaching by her students and peers alike. Additionally, she served in a highly demanding role as the Director of Experiential Programs for students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program from 2001 until her retirement in 2017.

Dr. Hudgins has made valuable contributions to scholarship on the practice of pharmacy and especially in the area of gerontology. Until retirement, Dr. Hudgins served as the Principal Investigator of the Montana Geriatric Education Center, a HRSA funded program which provides geriatric education and training for Montana health professionals, higher education faculty, and students, so they might better meet the health needs of the older residents of the state. This highly successful program has been continuously funded since inception in 2002, bringing over \$6.5 million of extramural funding to the University. Even in retirement, she remains actively involved with the grant.

Dr. Hudgins' service efforts have been plentiful and far-reaching. As previously noted, she served as the Director of Experiential Programs for the Doctor of Pharmacy program from 2001 – 2017. This highly demanding role involved management of several key activities including assigning students, arranging preceptors, and evaluation of rotations for 260 students each year in our Doctor of Pharmacy program. This required out-of-town site visits, orientations for new preceptors, and an annual clinical instructors meeting. She was required to establish new and maintain existing sites to meet the needs of a changing curriculum and the expanding role of pharmacists. In addition to her role as the Experiential Program Director, Dr. Hudgins served on numerous School, College and University committees, as well as on the boards of several

national and state organizations. She served on editorial boards for top ranking journals and as a site reviewer for the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and Accrediting Council on Pharmacy Education. She was recognized by the Montana Pharmacy Association as Pharmacist of the Year in 2004 and received the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia Award in 2015. On top of her service through professional affiliations, Dr. Hudgins is also very active in her community having been a member of Sentinel Kiwanis for more than 23 years.

Dr. Hudgins was a model faculty member carefully balancing time between teaching, scholarship and service. Her contributions to the School and University are long lasting, and her efforts have had a positive impact at local, state, and national levels.

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy is pleased to nominate Dr. Hudgins for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None