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Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies on Richmond L. Clow – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Richmond L. Clow from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 33 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Clow earned his Ph.D. in history at the University of New Mexico and joined the Native American Studies Department at the University of Montana in 1984. Professor Clow rose rapidly to the rank of Associate Professor and then Professor in 1992. Professor Clow was a very successful and popular teacher. He was well-known for his focus on writing skills for both undergraduate and graduate students. For many years he taught a voluntary course overload by providing a research course for anthropology graduate students. Dr. Clow was known for spending hours mentoring individual students. In 2004, the Department of Native American Studies honored him with a tribute for his years of service. In the award, the department wrote that "Dr. Clow has been an inspiration to so many students throughout the years, because of his insistence on making students believe in their own potential."

Professor Clow's research was wide-ranging and focused on topics important to Native American history and the Great Plains region. He co-authored and co-edited books on Montana tribal governments and tribal resource management that remain standards in the field. His book of essays on South Dakota Sioux history was award-winning. He has published more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters, primarily on Lakota American Indian history. In recognition of his contributions, in 2004 The South Dakota State Historical Society bestowed on him the highest award the society and the Governor of South Dakota give to individuals, the Robinson Award. This award is not given annually, but is given intermittently to only those who have achieved the highest standards of historical scholarship and preservation of the state's history. The award said, "Through his teaching, research, his publications, and his organizational involvement for more than 30 years, Dr. Clow has made a very significant contribution to the development, support, and promotion of the history of South Dakota."

Professor Clow played an important service role on campus. He wrote the program plan for the University of Montana's Native American Studies major that was approved by the Montana Board of Regents in the summer of 1996 making the Department one of the first free-standing Native American Studies programs in the United States. He served on graduate committees in the anthropology and history departments. He taught one of the core courses in the Wilderness and Civilization Program, and taught an upper division course in the School of Forestry, in addition to his work in the department. The department is pleased to nominate Professor Clow for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

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