

September 12-13, 2018

ITEM 180-2801-R0918**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Nursing on Mary Pappas, Montana State University Northern**

THAT

Upon the occasion of retirement of Professor Mary Pappas from the faculty of the Department of Nursing, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 30 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Pappas served as a tenured Professor in the Department of Nursing at MSU-Northern and worked in various roles as a Professor, Director, and RS-BSN chair. She was instrumental in assisting the Department of Nursing in receiving national accreditation in 2005, and was a key member of the accreditation process in 2015. Dr. Pappas was integral in the development and planning of the BSN program at MSU-Northern in 1987-88, and later helped to move that program online with a grant from ECollege. Dr. Pappas most recently participated in developing the new statewide curriculum, especially in regard to the RN-BSN courses.

In addition to her roles mentioned above, Dr. Pappas has served MSU-Northern as a member of various committees including Academic Senate, General Education, Curriculum, and the Executive Board of the Faculty Union. Dr. Pappas has represented nurses and the MSU-Northern Department of Nursing both in Havre and across Montana as a member of the Montana Nurses Association, as a board member of Bullhook Clinic, and as a member of Northern Montana Hospital Home Health Care Professional Committee. She has presented both formally and informally to various community groups about health care issues.

Dr. Pappas has been a nurse for over 40 years, which is an accomplishment in and of itself, and nursing is built on the premise of helping people. She brought her knowledge and love of nursing to students and faculty here at MSU-Northern and then became an example of ongoing educational pursuit and scholarship by pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing as a nurse practitioner, and then her Doctorate in Education. Most recently, in 2015, she completed requirements as a Certified Nurse Educator per the National League of Nursing.

The Faculty Senate is pleased to submit this heartfelt nomination of Dr. Pappas for Emeritus status based on her time, effort, and service to MSU-Northern, its students, and the community that has benefitted from her knowledge and expertise.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments