

November 21-22, 2019

ITEM # 185-1602-R1119**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Education on Dr. Mark Krank, The University of Montana Western**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Mark Krank from the faculty of The University of Montana Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 25 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Krank earned his Ph.D. in psychological foundations of learning at the University of Wyoming. Prior to his time at The University of Montana Western, Dr. Krank served as an elementary and middle school principal in Wyoming and acting superintendent and elementary principal at the Omaha Indian Reservation in Nebraska. Because of his leadership experience, Dr. Krank assisted with a number of administrative responsibilities within Academic Support Services during the first part of his career at Montana Western.

Dr. Krank's greatest achievement at The University of Montana Western was being in the forefront of bringing Experience One – one course at a time block scheduling to the campus. A member of a select faculty vanguard, he fought courageously and tirelessly to persuade concerned faculty, administrators, townspeople, and individuals at OCHE, that Experience One was a superior scheduling model that would save the university and pedagogically benefit our students. Dr. Krank accomplished this gracefully and with hard data. Always building academic positions on convincing quantitative research, his disciplined and rigorous analysis of the Experience One Pilot Program must be considered as perhaps the most important event in the history of Experience One.

As a teacher, Dr. Krank was one of the most popular professors at Montana Western. He always challenged students with rigorous classes. Dr. Krank demanded that they think critically, and that they communicate as scholars both orally and on paper. He encouraged discussion and full student participation in his courses. Dr. Krank continuously strove to improve his classes with innovations that the Experience One program allowed, and he constantly stayed abreast of the latest scholarship in his field in order to provide his students with the best education possible.

Dr. Krank has left behind an incredible legacy at Montana Western. As the first Chair of the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences Department, he built a foundation for vigorous and dynamic programs in History and the Social Sciences.

The Department is pleased to nominate Dr. Mark Krank for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None.