

March 5-6, 2020

**ITEM 187-2702-R0320**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Information Systems upon Dr. Nafiseh Heiat, Montana State University Billings**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Nafiseh Heiat from the College of Business at Montana State University Billings, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Nafiseh Heiat received her BA in Business Administration from Tehran Business College in 1971, MBA with Honors from Oklahoma City University in 1975, and her Ph.D. in Systems Science from Portland State University in 1988. Dr. Heiat was appointed Assistant Professor of Information Systems at Montana State University Billings in 1988, Associate Professor in 1992 and Professor in 1995. She served at the College of Business, Montana State University Billings for 31 years.

Dr. Nafiseh Heiat developed and taught a graduate level course in End User Data Management. In addition, she developed and taught numerous courses in Web Design and Development, Geographic Information Systems, Data Mining and Warehousing, Database Management and Decision Support Systems. She has been one of the pioneers of online education in Management Information Systems at Montana State University Billings and in addition to developing the online Management Information Systems program, has taught numerous online courses. Dr. Nafi Heiat designed and developed test out procedures for Business Application Software and helped administer the test. In addition to serving in numerous department and university committees, Dr. Heiat has served as President, Program Chair and Proceedings Editor of Western Decision Sciences Institute.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Nafiseh Heiat the rank of Professor Emerita of Information Systems at Montana State University Billings and wishes her well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None