

May 20, 2020

**ITEM 188-1005-R0520**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Celia Winkler, University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the retirement of Celia Winkler from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wish to express their appreciation for her 23 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Winkler earned her B.A. in Community Studies from the University of California-Santa Cruz in 1976 and her J.D. from Hastings College of Law at the University of California in 1979. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Oregon in 1996. She served in the Sociology Department at the University of Montana until May 2019.

Professor Winkler was a dedicated teacher and student advisor. She taught classes in diverse areas such as Contemporary Social Theory, Classical Social Theory, the Sociology of Poverty, the Sociology of the Family, Political Sociology, and Gender and Society. Students appreciated her enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of the subject matter. She is an expert in welfare states and sociological theory, and her courses in these areas continued to draw large numbers of students up until her retirement.

Professor Winkler's research on US and Sweden's welfare states has been published in prominent sociological journals and also in her book, *Single Mothers and the State: The Politics of Care in Sweden and the United States*. She is well-respected nationally for her work on feminist theory, the economic status of women, and child support.

In addition, Professor Winkler excelled in the area of service. Perhaps her greatest service contribution can be seen in the significant administrative responsibilities she took on. Among her many leadership roles, she chaired the Faculty Senate from 2004-2005, served on the Graduate Council from 2007-2010, chaired the General Education Committee from 2005-2006, served on the Women's Studies Executive Committee from 1996-2013, and held various leadership roles in the University Faculty Association (MEA-MFT) from 2011-2014.

The Sociology Department is honored to recommend Professor Celia Winkler for Emeritus status, which is duly warranted given her long record of distinguished service at the University of Montana as a teacher, scholar, and citizen.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None.