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Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Paul Silverman, University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the retirement of Paul Silverman from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wish to express their appreciation for his 37 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 him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Paul Silverman earned his doctoral degree in Experimental Psychology from the University of Georgia in 1977, where he had also received an M.S. in 1974. He joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Montana in 1981 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1990.

Dr. Silverman has been a successful and inspiring scholar and mentor. He engaged many students in working with children and families, conducting research, and doing intervention and assessment, all through his own involvement in research, teaching, mentorship, and clinical supervision. Dr. Silverman's research and that of his students spans studies of non-human primates, animal cognition, developmental theory, and psychotherapeutic intervention and assessment.

During his tenure in the Department of Psychology Dr. Silverman regularly taught courses in undergraduate and graduate level Developmental Psychology, undergraduate Child and Adolescent Psychological Disorders and Introduction to Psychology Research Methods, as well as the graduate-level Child Interventions course and Applied Clinical Methods. He has taught many other University courses as well, ranging from attachment to educational psychology to giftedness.

During 1987-1992 Dr. Silverman re-specialized as a Clinical Psychologist, taking his predoctoral internship at the Morrison Center (Youth and Family Services) in Portland, Oregon, and becoming licensed in Montana. This expanded his teaching activities to include clinical supervision of Clinical and School Psychology doctoral students. He was one of the few psychologists in the state of Montana conducting top-quality parenting plan and related evaluations. His expertise and his integrity in these areas represent a deep service to Montana and the community.

As a very active member of the University community, Professor Silverman's service activities include the Service Learning Committee, Montana Pedagogy Project Fellows Program, Excellence in Teaching Committee (Office for Civic Engagement), ASCRC and Faculty Senate, the IRB, Instructional Development Committee, Psychology Club/*Psi Chi* faculty committee, Provost's Faculty Productivity Working Group, University Research and Creative Activities Committee, RTC/Rural institute committees, serving as State Science Fair Review Panelist/Judge, and many others.

In community service Dr. Silverman served on and was chair of various boards and committees. Further, he has generously shared his knowledge and experience -- through workshops, trainings, guest talks, community forums, and in the media -- lending his expertise on behalf of the state's most vulnerable children and families. For example, in 2003 in the post 9/11 era, he gave a talk to YWCA children about dealing with fear in war and terrorism. These and other activities exemplify Dr. Silverman's commitment to, involvement in, and service to the communities within the University and far beyond.

The Department of Psychology is pleased to nominate Professor Paul Silverman for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None.