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**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Professor Royce Engstrom,
University of Montana - Missoula**

THAT

Upon the occasion of retirement of Royce Engstrom from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 13 years of 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. Engstrom earned his PhD from The University of Wisconsin-Madison and spent 28 years in various academic positions at The University of South Dakota rising to the level of Provost. In 2007 Dr. Engstrom came to The University of Montana to serve as the Provost and President for Academic Affairs.

In 2010 Dr. Engstrom became the 17th President of The University of Montana, serving in this position until December of 2016. During his time as President, Dr. Engstrom oversaw many successful campus expansions including the new Missoula College River Campus as well as the building and renovation of Eck Hall, The Eric and Blair Sprunk Student-Athlete Academic Center, The Gilkey Executive Training Center and the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center.

After stepping down from the Presidency in 2016, Dr. Engstrom returned to his chemistry teaching roots in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at The University of Montana. Dr. Engstrom took on the challenging freshman Introductory Chemistry courses as well as teaching "The Ways of Knowing" in the Davidson Honors College. He has also continued in executive service as a commissioner to the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities Accreditation Unit as well as being on the board of The Association of American Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Engstrom has also initiated research activities since stepping down as President of the University. He is presently Analytical Laboratory Manager for the Valett Aquatic Ecology Lab. Dr. Engstrom works with Dr. Valett on research related to the role of nitrogen fixation in the Clark Fork River System. Dr. Engstrom wishes to continue this research in his post-retirement.

Dr. Engstrom has a long record of distinguished service to the University of Montana and The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The faculty of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry wish to nominate Dr. Engstrom for emeritus status based on this distinguished service.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments