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**ITEM 194-2016-R0521**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Accounting upon Professor Anne L. Christensen; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Anne L. Christensen from the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship at Montana State University, 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. Anne L. Christensen, retired on December 31, 2020. A professor of accounting at Montana State University since 2002, Dr. Christensen has distinguished herself as an exceptionally well-rounded faculty member.

Dr. Christensen taught both undergraduate and graduate tax courses in the accounting program and has published well-regarded research that ranges from taxpayer compliance issues to accounting ethics. She was Director of the College of Business' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, an IRS program that assists low-income individuals in preparing tax returns, and supervised over 50 MSU accounting students per year as they helped more than 400 local people file their taxes each tax season.

Dr. Christensen won the 2005 President's Award for Excellence in Service Learning and the 2009 President's Excellence in Teaching Award. In 2013, The American Taxation Association (ATA) honored Dr. Christensen by awarding her the prestigious Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator Award. Only one tax educator is honored each year by the ATA, a subgroup of the American Accounting Association (AAA), the premier organization of accounting academics in the world.

In addition to being loved by her students, Dr. Christensen was a leader in our accounting option, was highly prolific in her research efforts and distinguished herself by being named President of the American Accounting Association. She was active in service to the college, the university and to her profession. She was highly collaborative in her research with fellow MSU faculty and consistently demonstrated the values of MSU.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Anne L. Christensen Professor Emerita of Accounting at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None