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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology on Dr. David Schuldberg; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. David Schuldberg from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 36 years of dedicated and valued 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 Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. David Schuldberg earned his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of California-Berkeley in 1981, after receiving an MA (also from UC-Berkeley) in 1978. Before that, he earned a BA from Harvard University in 1973. He joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Montana in 1984 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1993.

As a Professor of Psychology at UM, Dr. Schuldberg has been a successful and inspiring scholar, teacher, and mentor. As a researcher, Dr. Schuldberg's career has been exemplary in every way. His work is innovative, exciting, and groundbreaking. In addition to studying important topics that have great practical clinical relevance such as schizophrenia and cognitive behavioral interventions for trauma in American Indian populations, he has also been at the forefront of cutting-edge research and theory involving creativity and non-linear approaches to science. He has been cited over 2400 times on Google Scholar and has an influence score on the popular science website *ResearchGate* in the 90th percentile. These kinds of achievements have led to important recognitions of his success, even in areas outside of clinical psychology. For example, Dr. Schuldberg was invited to speak at the annual conference for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (at the *Dynamical Systems and Computational Modeling Preconference*), a prestigious honor indicative of his among many other accolades and invitations.

Dr. Schuldberg has been involved in many grant activities that have brought funds to the university, supported important research, and helped the lives of many people across the state. Most recently, he has been involved with national grants supporting safe schools, integrated health models- particularly in rural Montana-, and he has served extensively with the grant-funded "Montana Center for the Investigation and Treatment of Childhood Trauma" and "National Native Children's Trauma Center" at the University of Montana. In summary, there is no doubt that his amazing research achievements alone are enough to warrant emeritus status.

Dr. Schuldberg has also consistently been an excellent teacher and mentor. During his tenure in the Department of Psychology, Dr. Schuldberg regularly taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels such as Ethics, Psychological Evaluation, Integrated Behavioral Health, Introduction to Research Methods, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, and many others. He consistently received positive feedback from students for these classes, and further piloted the APA Recovery to Practice curriculum in his graduate course on Treatment of Severe Mental Illness. Dr. Schuldberg has also supervised over 60 graduate and undergraduate theses and dissertations, and his work as a mentor and advisor was exemplary. For example, he was a Faculty Advisor on a prestigious NIH K-grant (a mentorship grant) for one of our graduate students called "Tobacco use among Alaska Native

college students.” Further, Dr. Schuldberg supervised postgraduate students (Psychology and Social Work) in clinical work and research (Patient Centered Medical Home Model) at St. John’s Lutheran Hospital and Northwest Community Health Center in Libby (among other locales) with the Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Rural Behavior Health-Primary Care Collaborative, a program recognized as an Outstanding Rural Health Program. He additionally mentored a McNair Scholar at UM. His mentoring also went beyond students; in addition to mentoring several UM faculty members (a task for which the department is incredibly grateful), he performed faculty development mentoring for the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health as an Environmental Health Fellows Program mentor and served as a mentor for the Western Interstate Council on Higher Education (WICHE). In summary, Dr. Schuldberg’s teaching, advising, and mentoring have been invaluable to the University of Montana and beyond.

The University of Montana Department of Psychology houses programs that are applied in nature: the doctoral Clinical Psychology program, and the specialist and doctoral level School Psychology graduate programs. The School and Clinical doctoral programs have been greatly served by Dr. Schuldberg’s time and expertise. He has been as an incredibly valuable supervisor for the clinical work that these students do during their training program. Further, he has acted as a clinical supervisor to junior faculty who were fulfilling post-doctoral hours to achieve their own psychology licensure status. His expertise and steady influence with students and faculty is certainly a driving factor in being recognized as a “hidden gem: among the nation’s Clinical Psychology programs (Callahan, Ruggereo, & Parent, 2013).

Indeed, Dr. Schuldberg’s commitment to service and leadership really had no bounds. In addition to serving individual students and programs, as mentioned above, he has served the larger Department, University community, the state, nationally, and beyond. He has served as the Director of Clinical Training and aided in the preparation of the clinical program’s APA all-important accreditation self-study. He served on committees including, but not limited to, the University Research and Creative Activities Committee, multiple faculty search committees, both within and outside of the Psychology Department (including chairing a large number of these committees), The University of Montana Student Retention Task Force (Students of Color subgroup), the Psychology Department Diversity Committee, The University of Montana Graduate Council (including serving as vice-chair), University of Montana Assessment Committee, The University of Montana Faculty Senate, the Psychology Departmental Executive Committee, and the Psychology Department Indians in Psychology (INPSYCH) program advisory committee. This is just a *very small slice* of the amazing service Dr. Schuldberg has performed over the years here at UM. Further, outside of UM, he has been very active in serving the larger community, including being on the Board of the Institute for Health and Humanities at St. Patrick’s Hospital, a member of the Integrated Behavioral Health and SBIRT Steering Committee of the Montana Health Care Foundation, and the Missoula Partnership Health Center Access to Therapy Mental Health Program Advisory Committee. These and many other service activities have been recognized by multiple awards and honors, including the Distinguished Service Award for 20 years of service from the Institute for Teaching and Mentoring (Compact for Faculty Diversity), the “Extra Mile” award for support of the Southern Regional Education Board at the Compact for Faculty Diversity meetings, and The University of Montana Campus Diversity Award.

Further, Dr. Schuldberg has engaged the community beyond just serving on important Boards and committees. First, as a licensed psychologist, he has maintained a practice that serves individuals and families through clinical assessment, intervention, and consultation. He has led peer supervision

groups with local psychologists, supervised the program development of a gerontology self-care clinic, he has consulted with local schools and helped health care organizations implement local mental health initiatives, and he has even devoted his expertise in helping a Missoula art organization (Arts Alive) with outcomes measurement for their programming. In other words, Dr. Schuldberg has generously infused his expertise and guidance into seemingly countless people's lives and to the betterment of many organizations.

Based on this incredible record of accomplishments and professional contributions, both at the university and beyond, the Department of Psychology is pleased to unanimously nominate Professor David Schuldberg for Emeritus status following his retirement.

ATTACHMENTS

None