

September 15-16, 2021

ITEM 196-2001-R0921**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Adult and Higher Education upon Dr. Marilyn Lockhart; Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Marilyn Lockhart from the College of Education, Health and Human Development 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.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Lockhart has served MSU and the Department of Education for the last 23 years. Her accomplishments include serving as a professor in the Adult and Higher Education Program, preparing students to work in higher education, as well as teach adults in a variety of environments outside higher education. Her more than 75 research publications and presentations focus on increasing student learning by using best practices in teaching methods for face to face and online settings.

Beginning in 2011, Dr. Lockhart served as the founder and Director of MSU's Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) for 8 years. In this capacity, she developed workshops, administered internal grants, and facilitated faculty learning communities, including writing and active learning groups. The Center received international recognition as the 2014 "Exemplary Teaching and Learning Center" at the 25th International Conference on Teaching and Learning. As director of the CFE and chair of MSU's Classroom Committee, Dr. Lockhart advanced the design, use and assessment of innovative teaching environments—including active learning classrooms, for which MSU received the 2014 "Award for Innovation in Educational Technologies" from the Northwest Academic Computing Consortium.

Dr. Lockhart was the leader in creating a university-wide mentoring program for new faculty beginning in 2005. The program has made over 250 matches since its inception and is now permanently housed in the Center for Faculty Excellence. Additionally, she co-created the Faculty Success and Productivity Group (an early career mentoring program) in the College of Education, Health and Human Development beginning in Fall 2019.

Dr. Lockhart has been recognized as the "Women's Faculty Caucus Distinguished Mentor" (2021), the homecoming "Distinguished Faculty Member" (2019) in the College of Education, Health and Human Development, and as an "Extraordinary Ordinary Woman" during MSU's 125th Celebration in 2018.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None