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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Environmental Studies on Len Broberg – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Len Broberg from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 28 years of dedicated and value service to the University and 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. Len Broberg, JD earned his PhD at the University of Oregon and his Juris Doctor degree at Wayne State University and joined the Environmental Studies Program in 1994. Professor Broberg rose to the rank of Associate Professor and then Professor. He served as the Director of the Environmental Studies Program from 2005 to 2014 and again from 2016-2017.

Professor Broberg earned extensive teaching recognition from his peers and students, gaining the Most Inspirational Teacher award in 2019 through nomination and vote of UM students. He served as the program's wildlife and land conservation scientist and policy expert, teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses at all levels of the curriculum. All of his undergraduate courses filled requirements for the BA degree offered by the department and his graduate courses frequently filled requirements as well. He founded the innovative Transboundary Policy, Planning and Management Initiative with a colleague at the University of Calgary that brought together UM and UC graduates and undergraduates together for a field course and project work in support of conservation agencies in the Crown of the Continent region of Montana, Alberta and British Columbia. His courses were greatly appreciated by students for their application of theory to real world issues and for connecting them with outside organizations and experts throughout North America. Broberg also received a Fulbright Award to assist a non-governmental organization in Laos in the development of ecological curriculum and taught in China at the invitation of Guizhou University of Finance and Economics. He also has taught over 200 young leaders from Southeast Asia, China, Russia, Brazil, Japan and India as an Academic Director of the Mansfield Center Study of the United States Institute and Young Southeast Asian Leaders Institutes supported by the US State Department. As a result of his excellence in mentoring these budding leaders, Broberg received the first Outstanding Educational Mentor Award of the Mansfield Center. Broberg consistently received strong student and peer evaluations of his teaching.

Professor Broberg also conducted significant research on topics very relevant to Montana. He most recently completed a study of snowpack resilience in the Crown of the Continent for the Crown Manager's Partnership that has been published in the national journal *PLOSOne*. He has been a co-author of books and book chapters on Yellowstone Bison ecology and management and transboundary management between Montana, Alberta and British Columbia. His work has been published in notable journals such as *The Journal of Forestry* and *Bioscience*. In addition, Broberg has mentored well over 150 master's students in his work at UM, leading to numerous publications in prestigious journals on diverse topics including cougar ecology and management, wildlife crossings, grassland restoration, and conservation policy issues.

Professor Broberg also played an important role in service within the University, Missoula, Montana and beyond. He served several terms on the UM Graduate Council and served as chair in 2017-18. Broberg

especially excelled at raising money to support students and their educational experiences from private foundations. He established the prestigious Wyss Scholars for Western Conservation program at the University of Montana that bridges across the Environmental Studies, College of Forestry and Conservation and the Law School. This program is entering its 19th year and has resulted in over \$2.1 million dollars in funding for graduate and professional students in those programs and networked them with other scholars at Yale University, University of Michigan and other schools. Broberg has sought and administered all the funding for this program. The Transboundary Policy, Planning and Management Initiative was also supported for a number of years by grants from the Henry P Kendall Foundation, allowing the university to engage the participating students from a number of colleges, including the College of Forestry and Conservation and the School of Journalism, in experiences beyond the classroom. Broberg also successfully sought funding from the Kendeda Foundation for graduate student internships with outside organizations for several years. In addition, he served as the administrator for the Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship offered to Environmental Studies graduate students that also brought significant funding to support their tuition and educational expenses. Broberg was also active outside the university serving as a member and chair of the Missoula City-County Planning Board, a 20 year member of the Crown Managers Partnership Steering Committee, a member of the Montana Forest Restoration Committee that brought together the timber industry and conservationists to work with the US Forest Service, the Lolo Restoration Committee, the Crown Roundtable leadership team and served on several other conservation non-profit committees. Broberg's service to UM and Montana have been exceptional.

The Environmental Studies Program is pleased to nominate Professor Broberg for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None