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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Teaching and Learning on David R. Erickson – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of David R. Erickson from the University of Montana, the faculty in the Department of Teaching & Learning recognize Dr. Erickson's 26 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana, and recommend that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System. Dr. Erickson's record of excellence in service, scholarship, and teaching easily meets the requirements for this honor.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Erickson earned his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University and joined the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (in 2016, we became the Department of Teaching & Learning) at the University of Montana in 1994. Professor Erickson rose through the ranks to Professor.

Professor Erickson's teaching included a diverse array of courses, both undergrad and graduate. The undergraduate secondary mathematics education 5-12 methods course and co-requisite field experience courses comprised his major teaching responsibilities. Additionally, he taught educational technology and graduate courses in curriculum (2 courses), assessment, educational research (2 courses), educational technology (7 courses) and models of professional development in mathematics and science. He served for many years as Director of Graduate Studies in the Department and chaired/co-chaired 15 doctoral dissertations and served on over 200 master's graduate committees.

Professor Erickson's research focused on teacher professional growth including six summers of week-long workshops (Before It's Too Late) for practicing teachers of mathematics at the Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry Lake and eight years of the \$1.2 million NSF Noyce Learning Assistants Become Teachers (LABT) in which 30 mathematics and science undergraduate majors were supported for two years of university work in becoming teachers in high needs schools throughout the United States. Publications included the co-authorship on the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Figure This! series of problems for middle school students and families, paired internship placements for student teachers, and math teachers' circles.

Service to the department, college, university, state, and nation included extensive committee work and active organizational memberships. Professor Erickson served on the Unit Standards Committee multiple years, the University Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council for several terms, chairing UM's Graduate Council in 2007-2008, and Graduate School IIP Admissions Committee in 2008-2009. He served on the Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics Board from 2006-2014 and was President from 2010-2012. In 2006 he was honored by the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Iris Carl Mathematics Leadership Award, and in 2016, earned the Bill Stannard Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mathematics Teaching.

The Department of Teaching & Learning nominates Professor David R. Erickson for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None