

September 21-22, 2022

**ITEM 202-2002-R0922****Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Associate Professor Emerita of Plant Sciences upon Florence Dunkel; Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Florence Dunkel from 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. Dunkel served as an entomology faculty member for 34 years, making impacts with both intensive mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students and with significant impacts upon the University's visibility in alternative protein sources.

Involving students in research projects and in the classroom, Dr. Dunkel encouraged undergraduate students to become teaching assistants and served on graduate committees. In her introductory entomology course, she introduced students to insects as well as methods used to interact with the public. Her yearly public "Bug Buffet" involved all her students and the entire University campus and local community. This event helped to normalize the use of insects as a protein source and introduced her students to positive ways to influence consumer opinions and behaviors.

Known among entomologists for her work on the use of insects as food and teaching a holistic method to conducting experiential research in American Indian communities and indigenous communities worldwide, Dr. Dunkel explored and helped popularize the use of natural products for insect control. She examined the cultural impact of intervention in indigenous communities with her students in her research course.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Florence Dunkel the rank of Associate Professor Emerita of Plant Sciences at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years into the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None