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ITEM 205-1008-R0323

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

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Christine Fiore from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 30 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 her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Christine Fiore earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Rhode Island in 1990, and completed her pre-doctoral internship through Brown University's Clinical Psychology Internship Consortium.

As a Professor of Psychology at the University of Montana, Dr. Fiore has been a successful and inspiring scholar, teacher, and mentor. Dr. Fiore has been recognized for her excellence through multiple university and community awards including a Montana Faculty Service Award in 2011, a Student Affairs Service Award, two YWCA Salute to Excellence Awards, and a Women's Leadership Institute Award. Dr. Fiore was one of only 25 women nationally who were trained in the Women's Leadership Institute. Her leadership was also recognized by President Engstrom when she worked directly with the President to address and improve the University's plans for preventing sexual assault.

As a researcher, Dr. Fiore's career has been exemplary in every way. She has published articles on a number of topics, from college sexual assault, to diabetes in Native American populations, to attention deficit disorders in children and adolescents. Further, she received funding for the Readiness for Change in Battered Women project, which involved interviewing over 400 women involved in violent relationships. Dr. Fiore was also key personnel in the PACE grant, funded by the National Science Foundation for \$3 million, which continues to evaluate the female science faculty who interviewed, resign, and stay at the University of Montana. These projects underscore Dr. Fiore's commitment to opportunities for women.

Dr. Fiore's contribution to the department and university has been tremendous. In 2011, she was appointed to the UM Strategic Planning Committee for Research, in which the policies and procedures developed in the Strategic Planning Committee directly affect faculty in the development, maintenance, and growth of their research programs. In addition, Dr. Fiore was designated as co-Chair of the UM Crisis Intervention and Referral Team. Dr. Fiore served on numerous university committees, including Graduate Council, on which she has served as both an advisory board member and the Chair of the Social Sciences Subcommittee. As the Director of Clinical Training in 2010, Dr. Fiore organized the site visit of the American Psychological Association when the Department was being evaluated for re-accreditation. She also substantially contributed to the response to APA's site visit and evaluation of the Accreditation Report, resulting in successful accreditation for an additional seven years. She has additionally served as Chair on two faculty search committees, the Rural Mental Health Committee, and the Department Executive Committee.

Dr. Fiore is a staunch advocate for women, children, and minoritized groups. Her service work with the PACE Project, Head Start, the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Missoula Family

Violence Council, the Intertribal Diabetes Education Association, the Missoula Healthy Indian Family Consortium, the Indian Health Service, and the Women's Studies Program all attest to her commitment to improving the health of important and systematically marginalized members of the community. Dr. Fiore also provided pro bono clinical consultation and assessment services to women, children, and minorities, including those impacted by violence. Since 2008, She has also provided psychological consultation to the Montana Legal Service, private attorneys, and the Public Defenders' offices of Montana, Idaho, and Washington in legal cases where violence against women has occurred. She also maintains a small private practice, which informs her teaching expertise while providing much needed services locally.

Dr. Fiore had a strong commitment to students, exemplified best through her teaching and involvement in mentoring. During her tenure in the Department of Psychology, Dr. Fiore regularly taught courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Since 2006 alone, she taught 49 courses, which she managed to do even while having grant- or service-related buy-outs in multiple semesters. Dr. Fiore also served on multiple student dissertation and Master's Project committees, as well as served on Comprehensive Exam committees. Dr. Fiore sponsored one of her graduate students in applying for an National Institutes of Mental Health grant, which was awarded. Dr. Fiore has also provided countless hours of advising support for graduate and undergraduate students alike.

Additionally, Dr. Fiore provided excellent clinical supervision to clinical and school psychology students. The Department of Psychology houses programs that are applied in nature: the doctoral Clinical Psychology program, and the specialist and doctoral School Psychology graduate programs. The School and Clinical doctoral programs were greatly served by Dr. Fiore's time and expertise. She was an incredibly valuable supervisor for the clinical work that these students do during their training program. Further, she has acted as a clinical supervisor to junior faculty who were fulfilling post-doctoral hours to achieve their own psychology licensure status. Her 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).

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 Christine Fiore for Emeritus status following her retirement.

ATTACHMENTS

None