

March 15-16, 2023

**ITEM 205-1602-R0323**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Business on William Cecil Jones; The University of Montana Western**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of William Cecil Jones from the faculty of The University of Montana Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 26 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 him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Jones earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Idaho and his Master in Agricultural Economics at Washington State University and joined the Business Department at The University of Montana Western in 1997. Later Professor Jones rose to the rank of Professor.

Professor Jones served the University in many ways. Throughout his career here at the University he served on a variety of committees including the Tenure and Promotion Committee where he mentored many faculty seeking promotion. He served as a Division Chair and he also chaired and served on many hiring search committees. Professor Jones consistently engaged in scholarly activities by continually researching and practicing law, which ultimately benefited the students here at the University of Montana Western for many years.

Most importantly though, Professor Jones was a successful and popular teacher. Through his scholarly work, he was able to engage and provide many learning opportunities for the students here at the University. He taught a variety of classes including Business Law where he prepared many students to meet the challenges of owning or managing a business in our highly regulated and legal business environment.

Due to the foregoing reasons and many others not listed here, the Business Department is pleased to nominate Professor Jones for emeritus status.

Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENTS**

None