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ITEM 205-1603-R0323

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Education on John Xanthopoulos, The University of Montana Western

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of John Xanthopoulos from the faculty of The University of Montana Western, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 22 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.

EXPLANATION

The Division of Education requests the status of Professor Emeritus be awarded to Professor John Xanthopoulos for his 22 years of dedicated service to The University of Montana Western. Prior to coming to UMW "Dr. X" served in a variety of roles in both the K-12 and post-secondary systems in Florida as a teacher, administrator, and multicultural curriculum developer. He brought the vast knowledge gained through these endeavors to his position at UMW when he was hired in 2000.

During his time at UMW, Dr. X was an engaged scholar, regularly publishing and presenting. He has authored or co-authored more than thirty works, primarily focused on multicultural education. He also served as a reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed publications. Further, he presented locally, nationally, and internationally at countless conferences where he was able to connect his research to the field.

Dr. X served the Division and University through years of engagement with the Faculty Association and the Faculty Senate. He not only represented the Department/Division of Education on these bodies, he often assumed leadership roles to assist the faculty in working with campus leadership. Dr. X was an integral part in multiple faculty-led initiatives and CBA bargaining talks.

Most notably though, Dr. X earned this acknowledgement through his tireless dedication to teaching and experiential learning, best exemplified through his work to embed travel and cultural experiences into his courses. He invested time and energy in building strong relationships with communities across the state, country, and globe. Through these relationships, he designed experiences, both on and off campus, that allowed UMW students to be exposed to new ways of learning and thinking. Through his unique, relational style of teaching, Dr. X grew to be a much beloved faculty member at UMW.

It is with great respect and gratitude that the Division of Education nominates Professor John Xanthopoulos for Emeritus status at The University of Montana Western.

Sincerely,



Dr. Estee Aiken, Division Chair of Education

ATTACHMENTS

None