

November 16-17, 2023

**ITEM 209-1003-R1123**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Department of Pharmacy Practice on Professor Sarah Miller; University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Sarah J. Miller from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 35 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

The University of Montana requests the Board of Regents to appoint Dr. Sarah J. Miller as Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, Skaggs School of Pharmacy. Dr. Miller retired as a Professor in the Department on July 1, 2023. Dr. Miller joined the Pharmacy Practice Department at the University of Montana in 1988 as Assistant Professor and quickly progressed to the rank of tenured Professor by 2000.

Dr. Miller earned her MS in biochemistry and nutrition (Virginia Tech, 1981), her Pharm.D. (Mercer University, 1985) followed by three years of post-doctoral residencies in Kentucky and Pennsylvania where she built her expertise in nutrition support. She also achieved board certification as a Nutrition Support Pharmacist; which is national peer recognition of her expertise.

As a faculty member, Dr. Miller provided essential clinical teaching in the professional doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program through both didactic lectures and the required advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPEs) where fourth-year students in their final year of the program are supervised in direct patient care activities. Professor Miller coordinated the first of four therapeutics (i.e.; patient care) lecture courses along with the associated small group discussion course for over 30 years. Her APPE site at Providence St Patrick Hospital was one of the busiest sites in the program. She was voted by students to be the teacher of the month four times and clinical instructor of the year. During this time, she was also academic advisor to pre-pharmacy students, an effort that requires creating individualized plans.

Professor Miller's scholarship, which focused on nutrition support, is best described as integration and application scholarship per Boyer's Theory of Scholarship. She has done some primary research, but her most impactful contributions are found in an extensive body of work that takes primary research results and integrates them into materials for students, practitioners, and educators to use so they can apply the most recent research knowledge to patient care. Her works include many textbook chapters, case report letters, invited chapters for licensure and board certification review books. She further disseminates nutrition support information and applications through numerous presentations and posters to state and national audiences as well as internally at Providence St Patrick Hospital. Her scholarship has been constant and consistently focused throughout her 35 years at UM as indicated by her CV.

Professor Miller's University service included campus committees, Faculty Senate, and the General Education Committee, but most of her service occurred within the College of Health and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy where she notably served on then chaired a key standing committee (Academic Standards Committee) that reviews student progression and makes recommendations for remediation or dismissal to the Dean. Her CV shows her ongoing participation in service activities across her tenure at UM. As a clinical

faculty member, Dr. Miller was also assigned to Providence St Patrick Hospital where she provided direct patient care as well as serving as a clinical instructor for pharmacy students. Her service to the pharmacy profession is impressive and included appointments to the Board of Pharmacy Specialties that led to numerous invitations to write exam items for the certification exam. Dr. Miller was an active member of American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) with involvement in many facets of the association. These included her work as the Associate Editor of their national journal, Nutrition in Clinical Practice, for seven years followed by a one-year appointment as its Interim Editor. Throughout her 35 years at UM, she was active as a manuscript reviewer for numerous national and international journals. She was also active in Montana professional pharmacy associations (MSHP/MPA) where she held leadership roles. Dr. Miller was recognized nationally as the A.S.P.E.N. distinguished Nutrition Support Pharmacist (2004).

Given Dr. Miller's consistent and impressive levels of teaching, scholarship and service for 35 years, the Department is pleased to nominate Professor Sarah J. Miller for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None