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ITEM 219-1003-R0725

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Educational Leadership on Dr. Bill McCaw, in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Dr. Bill McCaw, after 25 years of dedicated service to The University of Montana, has merited the commendation of the Board of Regents of the Montana University System and has earned the title of Professor of Educational Leadership Emeritus.

EXPLANATION

Dr. McCaw received a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education from Arizona State University, a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana.

Dr. McCaw is dedicated, conscientious, exacting, and ever present for our students, faculty, staff, and the community. As a professor, scholar, leader, and mentor in the Department of Educational Leadership, he has taught and advised graduate students, chaired countless doctoral dissertation committees, and through his leadership has raised the level of departmental esteem to increased heights. Dr. McCaw holds the prestigious title William C. Shreeve Endowed Chair in Educational Leadership. Through his scholarly efforts, Dr. McCaw has presented at the local, state, national, and international levels. He exhibits an excellent teaching record and has inspired students to challenge the status quo, and additionally, he has published an impressive number of articles and book chapters in the field of education and specifically in the area of school governance. Bill's scholarly activities have stimulated lively educational discussions across the country and abroad. Dr. McCaw is well known for his expertise in school board leadership as it relates to student achievement. He was also a regular panelist at the International Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference. He has been a keynote presenter at two conferences in China sponsored by the China Scholarship Council. His years of service in the field involve 10 years of teaching in public schools, followed by 10 years in school leadership positions, including Principal and Curriculum Director. Dr. McCaw is well-known throughout Montana as a mentor for budding school administrators. The leaders in Montana schools have been served well by his experience and expertise.

For the accomplishments cited above and more, the Department of Educational Leadership is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Dr. Bill McCaw for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None