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**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of English upon Marvin Lansverk;
Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Marvin Lansverk from the faculty in the Department of English at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University and the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Marvin Lansverk earned his B.A. degree in English and Economics in 1980 at Pacific Lutheran University, followed by an M.A. in English from Saint David's University College University of Wales in 1983. He earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of Washington in 1988. He joined the faculty at Montana State University as an assistant professor of English in 1988. He was tenured and promoted to associate professor in 1998 and fully promoted to the rank of professor in 2006.

Dr. Lansverk's scholarship in English literature has influenced the areas of Eighteenth-Century British Literature, William Blake, and Jane Austen. Throughout his career, he has been successful in scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and service. During that time, he has published one book, six book chapters or peer-reviewed articles, five additional publications, and written eight book review essays. He has presented at more than seventy conferences. He also organized a number of panels for the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies over the course of his career. In addition to his British Literature specialty, Dr. Lansverk became an MSU expert on online teaching and service learning; he gave 23 invited presentations or workshop presentations on these topics.

Dr. Lansverk served on the faculty at MSU for thirty-six years. He taught approximately 180 classes at MSU, reaching approximately 4,500 students. He taught lower and upper division courses, core courses, and graduate courses, including Mythology, Literary Theory, British Romanticism, and The History of the Novel, and Jane Austen. He has served as chair or member of more than twenty graduate committees, advised numerous independent studies and internships for undergraduate students, and mentored English majors over the course of his long career. Among his university service, he served as Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee from 2003-2008 and Faculty Senate from 2010-2012. He was honored at the Governor's Awards Ceremony for Civic Engagement in 2001 and 2002.

Notable awards that Dr. Lansverk received during his career at MSU include the President's Award for Excellence in Online Teaching in 2017, MUS Regents Teaching Scholar in 2020, President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005, and the President's Award for Excellence in Service Learning in 2004.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Marvin Lansverk the rank of Professor Emeritus of English at Montana State University and wishes him well.

ATTACHMENTS

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