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ITEM 218-1503-R0525

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences on Pat Munday; Montana Technological University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Pat Munday from the faculty of Montana Tech, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 35 years of dedication and valued service by requesting the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Pat earned a double B.S. in Materials Engineering and Humanities from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then an MS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

After working 5 years as an engineer, Pat took the MA and PhD in History & Philosophy of Science & Technology from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. As part of his doctoral journey, Pat won his first Fulbright Award in 1987-88 for research in West and East Germany.

Academic Performance

Pat joined Montana Tech as an Assistant Professor with the Society and Technology Program in 1990. He developed and taught classes in technology and society, professional ethics, history of science and technology, and philosophy of science and technology. In 1998 he was a founding member of the Professional & Technical Communication Department (PTC). To support the new BS and MS, he developed and taught classes such as communicating technical information, semiotics, research methods, and environmental communication. After PTC was terminated in 2019, Pat joined Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Over the years he taught more than 30 different courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

College Service

In his early years with Tech, Pat advised the very active Society and Technology student club. Beginning in 1998 he served as director of the Technical Communication MS program and later as Technical Communication department head. He chaired 29 graduate committees.

Pat was an organizer and charter member of the Montana Tech Faculty Association and served as vice-president, president, steward/grievance officer, and head of the bargaining team for 4 contracts. He wrote the "white paper" for the Faculty Merit Plan and led the process to implement it.

Scholarly Contributions

Pat published more than 30 peer-reviewed articles, 2 books, and dozens of photos in publications ranging from *Montana Outdoors* magazine to field manuals on plant identification. He wrote dozens of articles for newsletters by the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Big Hole River Foundation, and Montana's Natural Resource Damage Program.

Pat received two Fulbright awards to China, and held two additional visiting scholar appointments with universities in China. While there, he delivered guest lectures at 11 universities throughout the country and was an invited speaker at a U.S. Consulate and the U.S. Embassy.

Community Service

Pat served as President and board member with the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited where he won more than \$1 million in grants to fund environmental restoration. As a member of the Big Hole River Foundation's executive council, he helped lead the development and adoption of the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks "rest/rotation plan" to limit guiding and outfitting on the Big Hole River and the 4-county planning rules to limit floodplain residential development. Pat was a governor appointee to the

charter Montana Natural Resource Damage Program's Citizen Advisory Council, where he helped develop policy and procedures for allocating the state's \$215 million settlement from Arco and led efforts to insure funding for environmental education programs such as Montana Tech's Clark Fork Watershed Education Program.

As a board member and President of Butte's Mai Wah Society, Pat led grant writing and fund-raising efforts for more than \$200K for an exterior restoration of the Mai Wah/Wah Chong Tai Museum building.

ATTACHMENTS

None