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ITEM 218-2002-R0525

Request Authorization to Confer the Title of Teaching Professor Emerita of Music upon Teaching Professor Julie Gosswiller; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Teaching Professor Julie Gosswiller from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System, and the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Professor Gosswiller is retiring at the end of the spring semester after more than 20 years of teaching at Montana State University. During her time at MSU, she has built a particularly distinguished and meritorious career within the School of Music.

Professor Gosswiller's work as a teacher and pianist has had a tremendous impact on MSU students, faculty, and community across Montana and beyond. She is a strong proponent of the land grant mission, supporting students from every background and skill level, while working toward degree objectives and career goals. Her students demonstrate not only exceptional technique but sophisticated and independent musicality. She has developed courses in chamber music and piano pedagogy and has been instrumental in the school's redesign of our music foundations courses to increase student persistence. Her impact as an educator is also evident through her repeated invitations to adjudicate and provide master classes around the state. Her work has been recognized through teaching awards such as the "Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award" and the Montana State Music Teachers Association "Outstanding Teacher" award. Among many accomplishments, her students have won the Montana State University Concerto Competition, Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras Concerto Competition, and Coeur D'Alene Symphony Concerto Competition.

As a collaborative pianist, her work with our faculty has been exceptional and has supported tenure-track faculty scholarship with local, regional, national, and international impact. Her collaborative work in support of our tenure-track faculty includes several album releases along with countless performances. Her skill and musicianship make her a highly sought after collaborative pianist with colleagues and visiting artists presenting new and adventurous work. Professor Gosswiller has performed internationally in Europe and Asia and has worked with world-renowned collaborative pianists Martin Isepp and Warren Jones.

Professor Gosswiller's time at MSU has embodied an extraordinary combination of excellence in all areas of her assignment. Her work at MSU has had a significant impact on her students, colleagues, and music in Montana.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Professor Gosswiller the rank of Teaching Professor Emerita of Music at Montana State University and wishes her well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None