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ITEM 218-2005-R0525

Request authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry upon Dr. Patrik Callis, Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Patrik Callis from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Callis was appointed assistant professor of chemistry at MSU in 1968, and he has served the university with distinction. Over the course of his distinguished career at MSU, Dr. Callis earned international acclaim and recognition as a leader in the field of photophysics.

He inspired thousands of students at MSU and was honored with the Outstanding Chemistry Teacher Award numerous times. He has also received some of MSU's most prestigious university and college awards for both research and teaching, including the Charles and Norah L. Wiley Award for Meritorious Research and Creativity (1990), the Phi Kappa Phi Anna Krueger Fridley Award for Distinguished Teaching (1994), and the College of Letters and Science Research and Creativity Award (2015). In 2017 he was named a Montana University System Regents Professor.

Throughout his 55-year career, Dr. Callis showed an abiding commitment to the success of students. Dr. Broderick's letter of nomination refers to numerous individual students whom Dr. Callis mentored and supported with hours of 1-on-1 extra help. Dr. Callis taught a wide variety of courses from general chemistry to graduate seminars in specialized fields and proved equally effective in lower division undergraduate courses, upper division undergraduate courses, and graduate courses.

Dr. Callis published more than 110 scientific papers and maintained research funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes for Health continuously. His productivity as a scholar, researcher, and principal investigator was significant, his impact on the field substantial. Cited more than 3,000 times, Dr. Callis' publications appeared in some of the most prestigious journals in the discipline of chemistry.

Dr. Callis is "a world-renowned luminary" in the field of Chemistry who has dedicated his entire career to MSU, the College of Letters and Science, the Department of Chemistry, and the community of Bozeman, Montana. Dr. Callis has had an immense impact on the lives of generations of MSU students, alumni, faculty, and community members.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Patrik Callis the rank of Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None