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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Accounting in the College of Business on Dr. Terri Herron: University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Terri Herron, CPA from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Herron served the University of Montana with great distinction for 29 years. Her career at UM is characterized by steadfast leadership, quality scholarship, dedication to serving our students, mentorship of junior faculty, responsiveness to changing skillset and licensure requirements of the accounting profession, and community engagement. She is sincerely deserving of Emeritus status.

Professor Herron was tremendously dedicated to delivering an innovative curriculum that not only prepared students for licensure, but also helped students hone soft skills like written communication and presentation skills. For many years, students in Dr. Herron's Advanced Auditing course in the Master of Accountancy program presented their research findings from Public Company Accounting Oversight Board enforcement cases to alumni and local professionals. These stakeholders enjoyed coming to campus to see our students and additionally appreciated the opportunity to obtain free ethics continuing education credits. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talented and hardworking students, and Terri took great pride in helping the students polish their presentation materials and skills in preparation. Over the course of her career, Professor Herron taught 16 unique courses, developing many of them from scratch. Dr. Herron was known for teaching rigorous courses and took time to learn new technology that she could implement it in her courses. She always kept our students on the leading edge of whatever innovation was taking place in the industry.

Dr. Herron was also a productive scholar, authoring 25 publications in her career. This is impressive as accounting journals have traditionally slower turnaround times and publish fewer issues and articles per year. Over the course of her career, Professor Herron he made over 50 professional presentations. Even in her retirement, she has continued to pursue scholarship, mentoring a junior colleague through the publication process with an innovative pedagogical case. During her career, Dr. Herron has been an outstanding mentor and guide to junior faculty, helping them not just with their research, but also with the larger challenge of building a successful and productive academic career.

Professor Herron lead the accounting program through strategic planning, even as we faced difficult budgetary situations. She has tirelessly advocated for the needs of our students and the accounting program. In addition to holding college accreditation, our accounting program is separately accredited. Terri ensured that our assessment process was effective and helped us successfully implement our strategic plan. Just last year we were again awarded with continuing accreditation.

Dr. Herron was also an exceptional administrator. She served as Director of the Master of Accountancy program for three years, Chair of the Accounting and Finance Department for seven years and served as Associate Dean of the College for four years. She has won over 28 unique awards including those from

professional organizations and university recognition for teaching and service, many of which were awarded to her multiple times.

Professor Herron has made meaningful service contributions to the University and the community. In addition to extensive service to UM, she has served in numerous roles in the Missoula community, including most recently as treasurer for the YWCA. Dr. Herron is also currently serving on the Montana Board of Public Accountants, the state CPA licensure board.

The Department of Accounting and Finance is pleased to nominate Professor Herron for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None