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ITEM 224-1005-R0526

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus in the PJW College of Education on Dr. Dan Lee – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Dr. Dan Lee, after his years of dedicated service to the University of Montana, has merited the commendation of the Board of Regents of the Montana University System and has earned the title of Professor of Educational Leadership Emeritus.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Lee received a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Maine, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Maine.

Dr. Lee is dedicated, conscientious, diligent, and ever-present for our students, faculty, staff, and the community. As professor, scholar, leader, and mentor in the Department of Educational Leadership, he has advised graduate students, chaired successful doctoral dissertation committees, and through his leadership has raised the level of departmental esteem to new heights. Dr. Lee has presented at the local, state, national, and international level. He exhibits an excellent teaching record and has inspired students to challenge the status quo. He has published an impressive number of articles in the field of education, including two articles in the *Journal of Applied Measurement* and the *Journal of Research Practice*, which are required reading in statistics courses. He has presented at prestigious conferences such as the Montana Conference of Educational Leadership and the International Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference. Dr. Lee has been a keynote presenter at the International Scholarly Exchange Curriculum Conference in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Lee is well-known throughout Montana as a mentor for budding administrators through his work with Board of Public Education interns. He is an outstanding scholar and dedicated leader.

In his work as Dean of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, he has led the development of the Center for the Advancement of Positive Education (CAPE) and the Washington Scholars Program. Both were developed through gifts that he acquired from the Washington Foundation. These programs are designed to address current issues in education, the largest issue being the shortage of qualified teachers. Dr. Lee has also worked with community colleges in Montana to develop 2+2 programs that will allow future teachers to complete two years of their program at a community college and then matriculate into the University of Montana. Throughout his work, Dr. Lee has shown himself to be a visionary leader and has the ability to develop relationships with people and organizations that sustain the mission of the college.

For the accomplishments cited above and more, the Department of Educational Leadership is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Dr. Dan Lee for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments