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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics on Dr. Nikolaus Vonessen; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Dr. Nikolaus Vonessen retired from the faculty of The University of Montana in May of 2026. The Math Department wishes to express its appreciation for his 30 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and to the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Vonessen earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the ranks of tenure track faculty in the department in 1996. Nikolaus was a beloved teacher, from 100-level courses such as Calculus, to graduate-level courses in Abstract Algebra. He supervised nine master's students, and published over 450 pages of research in pure mathematics, including a research monograph. He was also a beloved colleague, who did a large volume of service for the Math Department, including 17 years as Associate Chair of the Undergraduate Program, and for UM, most notably, years of service in various roles on Faculty Senate. For his service, he won the Montana Faculty Service Award in 2026. Professor Vonessen will be dearly missed by the Math Department.

The Math Department is pleased to nominate Dr. Nikolaus Vonessen for the title of Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at The University of Montana.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments