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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences on Dr. Douglas R. Dalenberg; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Douglas R. Dalenberg from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his work for the University and 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. Douglas R. Dalenberg earned his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon and joined the Department of Economics in 1990. Over the course of his distinguished career, Professor Dalenberg rose through the ranks from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and ultimately to Professor. He also served the department as Chair from 2007 to 2009, providing thoughtful leadership during his tenure

Professor Dalenberg was an exceptionally dedicated and highly-regarded teacher. Throughout his career, he taught courses across the economics curriculum, from introductory classes to graduate-level seminars. His commitment to teaching excellence was widely recognized. In 2013, he was selected as the Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year at The University of Montana, and in 2022 he received the Reynolds Award for Excellence in Teaching Across the Curriculum in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He was deeply invested in student success, serving on more than 60 master's committees and as an outside member on a dozen Ph.D. committees. Students consistently appreciated his enthusiasm for teaching and his genuine commitment to their learning and development.

Professor Dalenberg's research program was wide-ranging and often focused on issues of particular importance to Montana. For ten years, he was a member of an interdisciplinary research team led by colleagues in the College of Forestry that worked with Glacier National Park to measure visitation and develop visitation management policies. His research also examined topics such as the role of infrastructure in labor markets, the determinants of happiness, and questions in consumer behavior. Over the course of his career, he published more than 35 articles in peer-reviewed journals along with numerous research reports.

Professor Dalenberg also provided extensive service to the university. He served several terms as a Faculty Senator and contributed to the work of the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee. He represented the Department of Economics at the University of Montana in the statewide Common Course Numbering initiative, where Economics was among the first disciplines to complete the process. In addition, he served on numerous departmental and university committees throughout his career.

Through his teaching, scholarship, and service, Professor Dalenberg made lasting contributions to the Department of Economics, the University of Montana, and the many students and colleagues he worked with over more than three decades. The Department of Economics and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are therefore pleased to nominate Professor Douglas R. Dalenberg for Emeritus status in recognition of his distinguished career and enduring impact on the university community.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments