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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Marketing on Dr. Nader Shooshtari; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Nader Shooshtari from the faculty of The University of Montana, his faculty colleagues wish to express our gratitude for his valuable contributions and dedicated service to 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. Shooshtari served the University of Montana with caring, commitment, and collegiality for over three decades. His career at UM is characterized by incredible institutional service, steady scholarly research, generous mentorship of junior faculty, leadership in the department and college, and community engagement. He is very deserving of Emeritus status.

Dr. Shooshtari has been an exemplary institutional citizen and his contributions to international programs at UM are unparalleled. He is a champion for international student experiences and has directed the College of Business International Programs for many years. He also regularly served on critical university committees, including sabbatical committee and various strategic planning committees. Dr. Shooshtari is also a prolific scholar, as evidenced by his steady stream of publications. Noteworthy in his scholarship is a commitment to working with COB colleagues. This commitment reflects Dr. Shooshtari's stewardship of our culture. Throughout his career, he has been an incredibly generous mentor to colleagues, providing valuable guidance on building a productive academic career. I am personally grateful to Nader for his support and care during my time at UM. He showed me the importance of showing up, keeping your door open, and taking ownership in making COB a great place to work. Our good culture is not an accident, and Nader's example is one we must continue to live by.

In addition to his university service, Dr. Shooshtari served as Management & Marketing Chair for 11 years. Beyond that, his commitment to the Missoula community is especially noteworthy. He serves on a variety of non-profit boards and is especially committed to conversation and hunter-education. His steadfast presence in our community reflects his character and is a great public representation of UM.

Dr. Shooshtari has anchored our international business curriculum for decades. Countless students benefited from his unique experience and sensibility, as well as his guidance on how to navigate international education.

The Department of Management and Marketing is pleased to nominate Dr. Shooshtari for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None