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ITEM 224-1503-R0526

Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Business and Information Technology upon Douglas M. Abbott – Montana Technological University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Douglas M. Abbott from the faculty of Montana Technological University, it is proposed that the Board of Regents confer the Title of Professor Emeritus upon Dr. Douglas M. Abbott as an expression of appreciation for his service to Montana Technological University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Doug Abbott graduated from Helena Capital High School and began his collegiate career in 1980 at the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (Montana Technological University), where he graduated with Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1985. During his time at Tech, Dr. Abbott was the quarterback on the football team. He then enrolled in graduate school at the University of Montana where he graduated with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) in 1988. Doug earned his Doctor of Education (Educational Leadership) degree from the University of Montana – Missoula in 2004.

Dr. Abbott began his career at Montana Technological University in 1988. During his distinguished 38-year career at Montana Technological University, Dr. Abbott was an award-winning professor, a trusted colleague, sought after academic advisor, a regionally renowned Forensic Economist, Department Head, Dean, and Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

In his 25 years as a professor (he spent 13 years serving the campus as Provost/Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs) Dr. Abbott was two-time recipient of the Rose and Anna Busch Faculty Achievement Award, which is awarded to faculty in recognition of teaching, scholarship and professional excellence on the Montana Technological University Campus. Additionally, he received a Merit Award, which is granted by his professorial peers in recognition of excellence in teaching, research, and service. He also was recognized for his service to the campus with a Club Advisor of the Year Award for his service to the Butte Crabs rugby team. Dr. Abbott was promoted to Associate Professor in 1994, granted tenure in 1995 and was promoted to Professor in 2004.

During his time on campus, Dr. Abbott taught 12 different courses, ranging from introductory freshman-level courses to graduate – level courses. These courses were in the disciplines of Economics, Engineering Economics, Finance, Operations/Production Management, Marketing, International Business, Management and Petroleum Project Analysis. His students consistently rated his teaching above a 4.0 (out of 5.0) in all of his courses that he taught for Montana Technological University. Doug also served on 14 campus accreditation visits for Tech's regional accrediting body, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and two campus visits for the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE).

For these and other contributions, we ask that the Board of Regents of Higher Education confer upon Douglas M. Abbott the rank of Professor Emeritus of Business and Information Technology at Montana Technological University together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

ATTACHMENTS

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