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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Design Drafting and Manufacturing Technology upon Professor Gregory D. Kegel; Montana State University Northern

THAT

Upon the occasion of retirement of Professor Gregory D. Kegel from faculty of the College of Technical Sciences, Department of Design Drafting and Manufacturing Technology at Montana State University Northern, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Professor Gregory D. Kegel, a tenured Professor in Design Drafting and Manufacturing Technology, began his teaching career at the former Northern Montana College (NMC) in 1982 as an instructor, and progressed through the academic ranks to become a full Professor. Professor Kegel received his Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Montana College in 1976, and a Master of Science degree from Central Washington University in 1987.

As a member of the faculty of MSU-Northern, Professor Kegel was instrumental in the development of Northern's Authorized AutoCAD Training Center, and served on numerous committees. Over the years, Professor Kegel has received numerous awards, including the coveted "Golden N" award in 2015. This is the highest award a faculty or staff member can receive from MSU-Northern students. Recipients are nominated by, selected by, and awarded by the MSU-Northern student body. He also received several Meritorious Teaching Awards and awards from Autodesk, Inc., and was named the Mike Malone Educator of the Year in 2014.

Outside of the classroom, Professor Kegel was involved in the Havre community and beyond. He served multiple officer terms with the Montana Industrial Technology Educators Association (MITEA) both as secretary (3 years) and president (4 years), and was also a member of several professional associations (the American Design Drafting Association, the Association for Career & Technical Education, Montana ACTE, and the Montana Industrial Technology Association). He has also presented at and attended numerous conferences pertaining to CTE.

Professor Kegel was actively involved with various groups and committees on campus, and contest Chair for the Design Drafting Technology contest at numerous MT SkillsUSA State Conferences.

Professor Kegel has influenced the education and careers of numerous students across many disciplines. He developed and maintained rigorous lecture and lab environments which positively enhanced student learning. As part of his academic responsibilities, he was a very active advisor for students needing assistance in academic advising, career preparation, employment and exposing them to career opportunities in their chosen career fields.

Beginning in 2002, Professor Kegel spent 12 years as the Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, and then another 12 years as Chancellor of MSU Northern. During his tenure as both Dean and Chancellor, Professor Kegel had MSU Northern students and student success as his primary focus. His accomplishments include leading the development of the Advanced Fuels Center, and the building of the Applied Technology Center, the Diesel Technology Center, the Automotive Technology Building and Tilleman Field. All of these additions have had a student-centered focus.

Professor Kegel has truly been a valuable leader and asset to many programs on this campus, and an asset to the College of Technical Sciences, MSU Northern, and Havre. He has, through his role as an educator and beyond, positively influenced the lives of many students, faculty and community members. He is very deserving of the title of Professor Emeritus, a title he has truly earned. Therefore, the faculty of the College of Technical Sciences whole heartedly recommends that he be awarded the title of Professor Emeritus Design Drafting and Manufacturing Technology.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Professor Gregory D. Kegel the rank of Professor Emeritus of Design Drafting and Manufacturing Technology at Montana State University Northern and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS:

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