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ITEM 226-1004-R0926

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Finance in the College of Business on Dr. Timothy A. Manuel; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Timothy A. Manuel from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his dedicated and valued 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. Manuel served the University of Montana with great distinction for 35 years. During his career at UM, he provided dedicated service to the college and university. He worked tirelessly to provide the highest quality education to our students, ensuring they could take their strong technical skills in finance and compete for employment opportunities with students from elite universities. He is genuinely deserving of Emeritus status.

Professor Manuel was devoted to ensuring academic rigor in the classroom. He held his students to extraordinarily high standards that fostered the development of discipline and effective time management skills in his students. He was known by his students and colleagues as someone with an incredibly strong moral and ethical compass, and he impressed the importance of such character traits upon his students. Dr. Manuel is well respected by his colleagues and students.

Over the course of his career, Professor Manuel taught 16 unique courses, developing many of them from scratch. Dr. Manuel was known for teaching rigorous courses and took time to learn new technology that he could implement it in his courses. He always kept our students on the leading edge of whatever innovation was taking place in the industry. Dr. Manuel maintained a strong foundation of finance knowledge in his courses, while making key updates as innovations in the field took place. He authored a financial markets and institutions textbook and wrote numerous pedagogical cases. Dr. Manuel's pedagogical proficiency is evidenced by the numerous teaching awards he earned.

Dr. Manuel was an active scholar, authoring an impressive 35 publications in his career. This is outstanding given the traditionally slow turnaround times and low publication output of finance journals. He also served as an ad-hoc reviewer for numerous finance journals. Given his extensive service commitments, Dr. Manuel's steady scholarly output serves as a model to junior faculty by demonstrating the dedication needed to maintain a research agenda while fully engaged in teaching and service.

Professor Manuel's contributions to the University in terms of service are meaningful. At the college level, Dr. Manuel provided leadership and guidance on our assessment committee. This committee serves a critical role in maintaining our AACSB accreditation and an important aspect is ensuring regular and timely assessment. In service to the university, Professor Manuel has served on the University Standards Committee, the Executive Committee of the Senate (ECOS), served on and then chaired the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee (ASCRC), served on and then chaired the Graduation Appeals Committee, and served on and then chaired the Faculty Development Committee. Dr. Manuel's service to our university community is extensive and impactful.

The Department of Accounting and Finance is pleased to nominate Professor Manuel for Emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments