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ITEM 226-2007-R0926

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering on Todd J. Kaiser; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the 2025 retirement of Dr. Todd J. Kaiser from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Kaiser retired in June 2025, culminating 25 years of dedicated service as ECE Professor. Dr. Kaiser received the B.S. Degree in Physics in 1981 from Montana State University, the M.S. Degree in Physics in 1984 from Oregon State University and the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering in 2000 from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Prof. Kaiser joined MSU as a Researcher and Adjunct Professor in Fall of 2000, and as an Assistant Professor in Fall of 2001, elevated to Associate Professor with tenure in Fall of 2007 and Full Professor in 2017.

Professor Kaiser was instrumental in the creation of MSU's curriculum on microelectronics and micromechanics, developing laboratory-based courses on the fundamentals of microfabrication, microelectromechanical systems and photovoltaics. He also taught the properties of electronic materials to a generation of MSU ECE students. His research developed novel sensors, leveraging his expertise in microfabrication and optical sensing systems. He mentored many undergraduate and graduate students through successful research and capstone design projects, creating a lasting legacy through his instruction and guidance.

Professor Kaiser was an award-winning faculty member, recognized with the MSU Award for Excellence in 2004, a recognition highlighting his mentorship of an outstanding undergraduate student. He was honored with the Phi Kappa Phi Anna K. Fridley Distinguished Teaching Award in 2017, and with the MSU Outstanding Academic Advising Award in 2025, in addition to other recognitions by the department and college for his teaching and outreach.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Todd J. Kaiser the rank of Professor Emeritus of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None