

**ITEM 152-2006-R0911****Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Nursing on Clarann Weinert; Montana State University-Bozeman****THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Clarann Weinert from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Weinert had a long and noteworthy career as a MSU College of Nursing faculty member, faculty/student mentor, researcher and advocate for research. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1965) from the College of Mt. St. Joseph on the Ohio, a Master of Science in Nursing (1974) from Ohio State University, and Ph.D. in sociology (1981) from the University of Washington. Dr. Weinert began her faculty appointment with Montana State University College of Nursing in August 1982 as a tenure track faculty.

Upon appointment to the College, Dr. Weinert immediately initiated a program of research with a general focus on chronic illness and a specific focus on rural health. During the time period from 1981 through 1988, Dr. Weinert served as Primary Investigator on three internally funded research projects and eight externally funded research projects. Throughout her thirty year career at Montana State University, Dr. Weinert continued to be a nationally recognized nurse scientist. To date she has served as the Primary Investigator or Co-Investigator on over 21 externally funded research grants. She is nationally recognized for her long-standing research project entitled Women to Women I; Women to Women II; and Women to Women III. Dr. Weinert is passionate about dissemination of research findings. She is first author on 28 data based manuscripts and a major author on an additional 87 research publications, many of these manuscripts are co-authored with student mentees and/or junior faculty.

Dr. Weinert's contributions to the College extended beyond her own program of research as she mentored and advised students. She served on twelve dissertation committees, she chaired fifteen theses, and she participated in twenty one special projects that included undergraduate scholars from Montana State University, and student's from various universities external to Montana such as Case Western Reserve University, the University of Colorado and the School of Medicine, University of New Mexico.

Dr. Weinert valued not only her role as a scientist but also her role as a nurse leader. One of her signature leadership roles was as leader in Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society for professional nurses. Dr. Weinert worked tirelessly as a local, regional and national leader of STTI. In 2008 Dr. Weinert was honored by the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of STTI who named their research award the Clarann Weinert Leadership in Research Award. In 2010 Dr. Weinert was one of twenty-two inaugural inductees into the STTI Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame.

Dr. Weinert received numerous accolades and awards throughout her 30 year academic career recognizing her as a leader and mentor. For example, Dr. Weinert was awarded: the Carter-Fleck Professorship, College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico (2005); the Western Institute of Nursing Distinguished Research Lectureship Award (2008); and the Outstanding Contributions to Rural Nursing Research Award, Rural Nurses Organization (2009). Dr. Weinert also served as a reviewer on the RO1 Study Panel NIH/NINR for several years.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Clarann Weinert the rank of Professor Emeritus of Nursing at Montana State University, and wishes her well for many years in the future.