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ITEM 172-1007-R0916

Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Steven Gaskill – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Steven E. Gaskill from the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

EXPLANATION

Professor Steven E. Gaskill earned his Master's degree from St. Cloud State University in 1994 and his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1998; both degrees were in Exercise Physiology. Dr. Gaskill began his academic career at UM in 1999 as an Assistant Professor, he was promoted to Associate Professor, and Professor in 2003 and 2008, respectively.

Dr. Gaskill's varied interests and breadth of expertise allowed him to successfully contribute to the Department's mission across a wide spectrum of courses, service and research endeavors. Over the years, the faculty has appreciated his willingness to expand/alter his assignments to meet student needs. Indeed, across his career, Dr. Gaskill steadfastly viewed the needs of students as paramount in his teaching, research, and service.

In addition to having taught 17 different classes, he was involved in research topics ranging from *Fatigue and Immune Function in Wildland Firefighters* to *Determining Optimal Exercise Intensity to Reduce Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Other Chronic Diseases*. Dr. Gaskill published over 40 peer-reviewed scientific papers and given over 1,200 presentations locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Gaskill has also completed five books, two of which are coauthored with UM professor emeritus Brian Sharkey, Ph.D. Throughout his career, Dr. Gaskill collaborated widely with colleagues from within the department, the University, and across the country.

Dr. Gaskill has been recognized for his commitment to serve the Health and Human Performance Department, PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, the University of Montana and professional organizations by receiving numerous awards recently including the 2014 National Service Award from the American College of Sports Medicine and the 2015 University of Montana Faculty Service Award.

With this recommendation, we offer sincere appreciation for 17 years of invaluable service to the State of Montana and the University of Montana. Congratulations and commendations for an outstanding career.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments