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ITEM 211-2701-R0324

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Rehabilitation and Human Services upon Dr. Thomas Dell; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Upon the retirement of Dr. Thomas Dell from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty of the Department of Rehabilitation and Human Services extends its appreciation to Dr. Dell for eighteen years of dedication and meritorious service to the College, University, and the community. In recognition of his valued competence and in light of compelling evidence of said competence and selfless service, we recommend that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Rehabilitation and Human Services be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Dell earned his EdD in Higher Education Teaching in 2013 from Montana State University. In 2005 he was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Rehabilitation and Human Services. In 2011 he was hired as an assistant professor and was appointed as an associate professor in 2015 upon earning tenure. Dr. Dell was promoted to Full Professor in 2021.

Dr. Dell has been a leader in accreditation of the department, first in the Counsel for Rehabilitation in Education accreditation (CORE) and then the first time accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Dr. Dell was the lead in the preparation of the self-study, and the site visit in spring of 2017. Dr. Dell has received many awards for teaching service. He received The Outstanding Faculty award in 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2014. He was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Award for American Indian Heritage Award in 2013. He was also awarded the Pure Gold Award in 2021 by President Cruzado. As either the lead or a secondary author, Dr. Dell has published 9 scholarly papers and presented at 9 professional conferences locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Dell has given extensive service to the department, college, university and community. Highlights of his service include URTC, Library Committee, Disability Support Services Advisory Board, and the Outstanding Undergraduate Selection Committee, Chair for the Department DRTC, Department of Rehabilitation and Human Services Advisory Board, Hosted the REHA and HS annual advisory board meeting with community members, served as a Department Graduate Committee member, Department Scholarship Committee member, College of Allied Health Professions Curriculum Committee - Chair, Department Chair, and Outside DRTC member.

For his career-long example of excellence in teaching, excellent scholarship and outstanding service to MSU Billings, the State of Montana and his profession, the faculty of the Department of Rehabilitation and Human Services are honored to nominate Dr. Thomas Dell to the rank of Professor Emeritus of Rehabilitation and Human Services at Montana State University Billings.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Thomas Dell the rank of Professor Emeritus of Rehabilitation and Human Services, Montana State University Billings and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None