

March 14-15, 2024

**ITEM 211-2702-R0324**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Physics upon Dr. Stuart Snyder; Montana State University Billings**

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**THAT**

Upon the retirement of Dr. Stuart Snyder from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, the College of Health Professions and Science, 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.

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**EXPLANATION**

Upon his retirement, the faculty of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences unanimously requests emeritus status for Dr. Stuart Snyder. Dr. Snyder has completed a distinguished academic career of 22 years at Montana State University Billings. During his tenure, Dr. Snyder served as a University Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and a full Professor.

Dr. Snyder received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physics from Montana State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Idaho. He has honored his profession through the publication of 16 scholarly publications in the physical sciences, presented papers and other presentations at 16 professional meetings, and been awarded a United States patent. Throughout his career he taught 17 rigorous courses in the Physical Sciences at MSU Billings in the disciplines of Physics, General Education Physical Science, and Physical Science Education.

Dr. Snyder served the University in various ways including as MSUB campus representative for the Montana Space Grant Consortium, advisor for the BOREALIS program, Arts and Sciences Travel Committee, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, College of Education Advisory Council, as a member of several DRTC committees, and as a member of numerous faculty search committees.

Dr. Snyder has a strong record of receiving external grant funding. He was awarded nearly \$550,000 in research grants over the course of his tenure at MSU Billings. He also collaborated with the College of Education to bring nearly one million dollars of funding to MSU Billings from the PRISM grant and the Noyce Fellowship program.

Dr. Stuart Snyder has made significant contributions to the students and faculty in the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, the College of Health Professions and Science, and to the Montana community. Montana State University Billings wishes to honor Dr. Snyder for his outstanding contributions to higher education and his discipline. We congratulate him upon his retirement.

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

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None