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ITEM  171-2701-R0516
Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Instructor Emeritus of Computer Technology and Drafting and Design, Montana State University Billings: Dr. Timothy Urbaniak

THAT
Upon the occasion of the retirement of instructor, Timothy R. Urbaniak, from the faculty of City College at Montana State University Billings, the faculty wishes to extend its appreciation for his 29 years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the Department of Computer Technology and Drafting and Design, City College at Montana State University Billings, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of instructor Emeritus to be conferred on him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION
Timothy R. Urbaniak earned his certificate in Drafting Technology in 1977, his associate of Applied Science in Drafting Technology from the Billings Vocational Technical Center in the spring of 1993; his Bachelors of Science in Liberal Studies in Multi Media Technology from Montana State University Billings in 1990; his Master of Science in Public Relations from Montana State University Billings in 2002; and his Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology in 2014. His areas of specialization include drafting, design, and multimedia technology and its application in multiple facets, including architecture and cultural resource preservation and management.

Instructor Urbaniak, though not required by his position, carried forth an active and successful research agenda. He has published works on AutoCAD drafting including contributions to test books by McGraw-Hill. He has made four presentations at professional societies regarding drafting technology, service learning, and applied research at two-year colleges and the impact it has on the classroom. Instructor Urbaniak’s efforts at expanding the horizons of drafting and design technology into the field of cultural resource preservation and management have made him a leader in the field. He has also become a sought after scholar for his expertise in technological applications in archaeology.

He has directed the MSUB Archaeological Field Team for twenty years engaging students and volunteers in applications of technology to support regional historic and archaeological research while establishing collaboration with entities that include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Parks and the Montana State Historical Preservation Office, museums, and other universities. He has also done community presentations to several high schools and other public entities about drafting and design technologies, careers, and applications.

Instructor Urbaniak’s ability to obtain grant funding has been very successful. During his career, he has received 27 grants totaling $1,015,784 for both teaching and scholarship.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Department of Computer Technology and Drafting and Design are pleased to nominate Dr. Timothy Urbaniak for the rank of instructor Emeritus of Computer Technology and Drafting and Design at Montana State University Billings.

ATTACHMENTS:
None