ITEM 138-2802-R0108 **Authorization to Confer the Title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Computer Information Systems upon Roger Stone; Montana State University – Northern**

THAT: Upon the occasion of the retirement of Associate Professor Roger Stone from the faculty of Montana State University – Northern, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Technical Sciences, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION: Roger Stone joined the Computer Information Systems faculty at MSU-Northern in the fall of 1988. Roger graduated from the College of Great Falls with baccalaureate degrees in Business Administration and Religious Education, and was then hired to teach computers at the Great Falls Vo-Tech Center. He came to Northern after teaching for five years at the Great Falls Vo-Tech Center. Roger completed his Masters degree in Business Administration/Information Systems with City University in Seattle Washington and maintained professional certification in Software Engineering and Management through the Institute for Certification of Computer Professionals (ICCP).

In his time at Northern, Roger served as vice president of the MSUN MEA-MFT Local 4048 for three years and was subsequently elected to two consecutive terms as President of the faculty union. Roger was active in faculty governance throughout his career, including participating in strategic planning and organization efforts that resulted in the strategic plan currently in place at Northern.

Roger was able to maintain and improve his technical knowledge and expertise despite the rapid paced evolution of technology in his field by attending a number of industry workshops and training opportunities. As a result of his new expertise, Mr. Stone developed a networking and security option for the CIS degree, bringing a new level of attention to this critically important area of computer technology.

Roger was active in the Montana Actors Theatre, starring in two productions for that group on the Northern Campus. He was also an active fundraiser for student organizations and for the university as a whole. He served as a principle

investigator to establish an Internet Business Incubation Center and was successful in procuring a $260,000 grant from Oracle Corporation for classroom use.

The award of Associate Professor Emeritus to Roger Stone would give thanks and significantly recognize his 19 years of service to MSU-Northern and 25 years to Montana Higher Education.