

May 29-30, 2008

ITEM 139-1006-R0508

**Title of Instructor Emeritus of Applied Arts and Sciences:
Karen Hill; College of Technology, UM-Missoula**

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Karen S. Hill from the faculty of The University of Montana, Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated and valued service to The University, the College of Technology, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Instructor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Karen Hill represents the best in a teacher and an administrator. From her first year as faculty for the College of Technology's nursing program, she demonstrated a commitment to teaching excellence and student success. As her responsibilities shifted to administration, Karen maintained a strong connection with students both in the classroom and in her office, advising countless students and more than a few colleagues. As Chair of the Department of Applied Arts and Sciences, Karen became an architect for change, overseeing the development of new courses, the design of an Associate of Arts degree, and the expansion of an ever-changing department. As Chair of Faculty Senate, Karen bridged the two and four-year campuses and demonstrated her talents for cultivating growth and vitality. Along with her drive for excellence, Karen brought intelligence, wit, and wisdom while serving on the Executive Council of the Faculty Senate, the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee, and the General Education Council. Although Karen retires this year, her contributions to students, faculty, and University will remain visible for a long time.

An unsolicited letter written by an adjunct instructor underscores Professor Hill's commitment to academic rigor, student success, and faculty accomplishments, "She [Professor Karen Hill] is forthright and steadfast, fair, tireless in pursuit of excellence, and supportive even during adverse circumstances. She is willing to shoulder burdens that are not her own, and to assume responsibility for the quality of education delivered to students as well as that of the work experience for those who teach here. I have found her assistance and advice to be invaluable, and her work as Chair to be above and beyond the call of duty."

With this recommendation go sincere thanks to Karen for 23 years of invaluable service to the State of Montana, The University of Montana as well as our congratulations and best wishes for the future.