

**November 17-18, 2011**

**ITEM 153-1010-R1111**

**Professor Emeritus of Industrial Technology: Robert Shook; The University of Montana–Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Robert Shook from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his many years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Technology, 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**

Bob began his teaching career in higher education after extensive work in commercial welding enterprises. He was a member of the College of Technology faculty as a full-time faculty member beginning in 1979. During his tenure at UM College of Technology, Bob served as Program Director and student advisor and on numerous College and UM campus committees.

While serving as program director, Bob was instrumental in mentoring and supporting new faculty members, developing and expanding the welding program, and leading many students in award-winning, nationally recognized work. He also supported the ongoing professional development of professional welders by providing workforce development courses, certification training, and examinations for the American Welding Society. Further, he was recognized by the American Welding Society for his contributions as an outstanding welding educator.

Bob's legacy will be carried forward by the thousands of students who developed their skills under his guidance, thanks to his talents and knowledge. Bob cooperated with the Schools of Art and Theatre & Dance at the University of Montana to bring faculty and students of the Welding, Art, and Theatre programs together for projects benefitting the students, the faculty, and the University community. What's more, his insistence on quality products from his students served them well in their career pursuits and helped them develop pride in themselves and in their work.

With this recommendation go sincere thanks for 31 years of invaluable service to The University of Montana and the State of Montana.