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**ITEM 158-1011-R0313**

**Authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Music on Lance Boyd, The University of Montana**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Lance Boyd from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 43 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Professor Lance Boyd inspired countless students throughout his 43 years of service to The University of Montana. His low brass and jazz students have gone on to receive scholarships and teaching appointments at the most prestigious graduate programs in the country, and hundreds of his students have professional careers as both musicians and music educators. His legacy as a teacher and mentor will live on for generations, as his former students are teaching in virtually every community in Montana. Over the years, Professor Boyd toured his jazz ensembles throughout Montana and the Northwest bringing UM outreach to schools and communities.

Professor Boyd is largely responsible for putting jazz on the map in Western Montana. His creation, the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival, brings some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world to The University of Montana campus and provides tremendous entertainment to a grateful Missoula community. Equally importantly, top UM Jazz Band students are given the chance to perform with these musicians—truly the opportunity of a lifetime. In addition, the Festival brings nationally prominent clinicians to campus that work with high school jazz bands from around the region.

A great faculty citizen, Professor Boyd served ably on a variety of University and department committees. He is highly regarded by administrators, faculty, staff, and within the Missoula community. In 2007 he was recognized with a Cultural Achievement Award from the Missoula Cultural Council for “outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Missoula,” and in 2009 was named to the Missoula Blues and Jazz Society’s Hall of Fame.

The School of Music is pleased to nominate Professor Boyd for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments