

January 7, 2014

**ITEM 162-1007-R0114**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Political Science on James Lopach, University of Montana.**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of James Lopach from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its deep appreciation for his 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 the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Lopach received an A.B. degree from Carroll College in 1964 (Philosophy, English, Latin), attended the School of Law at the University of Montana in 1964, received two M.A. degrees in 1967 and 1968 from Notre Dame (American Studies/English Education), and a Ph.D. in 1973 (Political Science). He has worked at UM since 1973 and served on the faculty from 1975 until his retirement in 2013. During these 40 years, he moved up the ranks from assistant to full professor and has held many additional positions at UM: Director of Research for the UM Bureau of Government Research, Acting Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Special Assistant to the President, Associate Provost, Chair of the Political Science Department, Special Assistant to the Provost.

Professor Lopach was a dedicated and popular teacher and student advisor. Over the course of his tenure, he taught 11 different courses. He also served for many years as a pre-law advisor. Professor Lopach developed a well-deserved reputation as rigorous and fair. In recent years, he was particularly delighted with teaching upper division seminars, coming to believe that these provided opportunities for faculty and students to excel in the art of learning. Professor Lopach is an accomplished scholar; he published six books, 30 articles, four monographs, and a long list of research reports and papers.

Professor Lopach also excelled in the area of service. In addition to the many university posts listed above, he also participated in collective bargaining (chairing the administration team), chaired the Semester Transition Committee, directed the Master's Program in Public Administration, played an instrumental role in the creation of the Mansfield Center, served on the Faculty Senate, numerous assignments in connection with the university athletics (including NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative), amongst many other committees and projects.

Recognition of James J. Lopach as Professor Emeritus is duly warranted given his long record of distinguished service at the University of Montana as a teacher, scholar, and citizen.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments