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ITEM 167-1504-R0515

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Instructor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences upon Susan Leland – Montana Tech of the University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Susan Leland from the faculty of Montana Tech, the Mathematical Sciences Department wishes to express its appreciation for his service to Montana Tech, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Susan Leland earned a Bachelors from Montana State University in 1971 and a Masters in Mathematics from Montana State University in 1977. Mrs. Leland began her career teaching mathematics as a Middle School Mathematics teacher in 1971. She taught in both Kalispell and East Helena. Mrs. Leland began her career at Highlands College and Montana Tech in 1993. She taught mathematics courses part time at both campuses until 2000. In 1999, she became a full time Instructor in the department of Mathematical Sciences. In 2003, she received tenure as an Instructor in the department of Mathematical Sciences.

Mrs. Leland has spent her career at Montana Tech teaching some of the most difficult courses to our most reluctant learners. Yet, students in Mrs. Leland's classes have no difficulty recognizing her passion for her subject matter and her commitment to helping her students succeed. Susan's sense of humor, her kindness, and her patience were often mentioned by her students as the standout characteristics of her as an instructor. The following quote came from one of her students in college algebra this past spring.

"I'm sure that Susan Leland's spirit animal is Dustin Hoffman – she's extremely funny, and is so easy to relate to."

The faculty and students of Montana Tech have recognized the magnitude of Mrs. Leland's contributions to the university as a whole. Mrs. Leland was nominated for the Rose and Anna Busch faculty service award numerous times over her career. She has won the award three times since 2000, making her one of only a handful of faculty to win the award more than twice. In addition to being an amazing teacher, Mrs. Leland is a truly wonderful colleague. Mrs. Leland has been an excellent advisor to the newer faculty in the department, has mentored adjunct instructors and tutors. Mrs. Leland has left an indelible mark on the Department of Mathematical Sciences. For these and other contributions, the Mathematical Sciences Department of Montana Tech of the University of Montana is pleased to nominate Mrs. Susan Leland for the rank of Instructor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences at Montana Tech together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

ATTACHMENTS

None.