

November 17-18, 2016

**ITEM 173-1005-R1116**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology on Arlene Walker-Andrews – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Arlene Walker-Andrews from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Arlene Walker-Andrews earned her Ph. D. in Psychology in 1980 from Cornell University. She started her distinguished career as a Professor of Developmental Psychology at Rutgers University where she served for 22 years. In 2003, Dr. Walker-Andrews was invited to serve as the Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology at the University of Montana.

Throughout her career, both at Rutgers University and at the University of Montana, Dr. Walker-Andrews distinguished herself as an excellent teacher, an incredibly productive and important researcher and a valuable citizen/administrator of her institution. Dr. Walker-Andrews has continuously published excellent work on child cognitive development in numerous prestigious journals for the past 35 years. As a scholar she is widely respected as evidenced by her impressive published record, her editorship of top tier journals, and the support her work has garnered from national funding agencies.

As the Associate Provost and Special Assistant to the President at the University of Montana, Dr. Walker-Andrews shouldered numerous important responsibilities that were essential to the vitality and academic health of the institution. She has had the responsibility of overseeing all aspects of undergraduate education and policies at the university, arguably the heart and soul of our institution. She has been responsible for leading, coordinating and supervising all efforts aimed at improving the quality of our educational offerings from our local assessment efforts to the external academic program reviews and accreditation. Dr. Walker-Andrews took on the additional responsibility of overseeing the University's Global Leadership Initiative. In all these efforts, Dr. Walker-Andrews kept academic excellence as her guiding star and searched for ways to constantly improve the quality of education we offer our students. She has done so with intelligence, dedication and hard work. In addition, she has always approached her work with courage and commitment but has also consistently shown her colleagues a good measure of acceptance and respect no matter how difficult the discourse. The University of Montana has been exceedingly fortunate to have had Dr. Walker -Andrews serve as its Associate Provost. The Department of Psychology is pleased and honored to recommend Dr. Arlene S. Walker-Andrews for Emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments