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ITEM 177-2001-R1117

**Request for authorization from the Board of Regents to confer the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Statistics upon Jim F. Robison-Cox, Montana State University**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Associate Professor Jim F. Robison-Cox from the faculty in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University and the Montana University System.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Jim Robison-Cox received his B.S. in Mathematics Education and Industrial Arts from Montana State University in 1984, his M.A. in Mathematics with Statistics emphasis from the University of Montana in 1988, and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University in Statistics in 1991. He joined the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Montana State University as an Assistant Professor of Statistics in 1991. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Statistics in 1999 and served on the faculty at MSU for 25 years.

Dr. Robison-Cox was involved in the statistics program at Montana State University as a teacher, mentor, researcher, and consultant. He was an outstanding teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate level. He co-advised a PhD student and was the writing project supervisor to many MS students. He served on numerous MS and PhD committees, both within the department and for other MSU graduate programs. He was also director of the Statistical Consulting Services for several years providing statistical support to MSU faculty and graduate student researchers.

Dr. Robison-Cox provided steady leadership to the statistics group in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. He devoted the last years of his career here to developing textbook and curriculum materials for Stat 216, the introductory statistics course taken by students from across campus, making it the highest-enrolled course at MSU. He modernized the curriculum with his revisions, bringing MSU into the forefront of best-practices in undergraduate statistics education.

His research focused on ecological statistics, with an emphasis on problems and solutions in Montana's ecology, including studies of wheat stem sawfly, mining waste, and whirling disease in trout. This outreach component to his research showcases his commitment to MSU's land grant mission.

For these, and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Jim F. Robison-Cox the rank of Associate Professor Emeritus of Statistics at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None