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Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on James Burfeind, University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of James Burfeind from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express their appreciation for his 30 years of dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Burfeind earned his Ph.D. from Portland State University in 1984 and joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Montana in 1988. Professor Burfeind was promoted to Associate Professor in 1991 and subsequently promoted to the rank of Professor in 2004. He served as chair of the Department from 2005 to 2008 and returned as co-chair from 2010 to 2013.

What makes Professor Burfeind's career at the University of Montana so notable was the seamless integration of scholarship, teaching, and service. He used his extensive knowledge of juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, and corrections to inform his teaching and the service he provided at the University, local, and state levels.

Professor Burfeind was a very successful and popular teacher, awarded the "Most Inspirational Teaching Award" in 2009 and University Merit Awards for teaching in 1990, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2007 (also with Scholarship), and 2011. His courses in juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, corrections, and criminological theory were especially valued by students in the department. He was a much sought-after academic advisor and was known for the amount of time that he dedicated to helping students work through academic issues. A significant number of students would never have graduated without Professor Burfeind's attention and inspiration.

Professor Burfeind brought his excellence in teaching and love of the subject to two textbooks that he has written. *Juvenile Delinquency: An Integrated Approach*, co-authored with Professor Dawn Bartusch of Valparaiso University, has been issued in three editions in 2006, 2010, and 2015. Together with Professor Bartusch and Professor Dusten Hollist of the University of Montana, Professor Burfeind (in his last three years before retirement) wrote a second textbook on the processes and practices of juvenile justice, entitled *Juvenile Justice: An Introduction to Process Practice, and Research* (2019). One reviewer wrote, as quoted on Amazon, Detailed, thorough, and current, Burfeind, Bartusch, and Hollist lead readers through the study of juvenile justice by offering an impressive array of up-to-date research, case studies, and evidenced based practices. ... The material is remarkably useful for anyone interested in learning about the system and/or working in the field of juvenile justice. The 'how do we get students to read?' question is answered - use this book! (Professor Alison S. Burke, Southern Oregon University)

With regard to research, Professor Burfeind has collaborated with several other researchers in numerous studies that resulted in technical reports and papers given at professional conferences. Of particular note is his work on sexual assault prevention and chemical dependency programs.

Professor Burfeind dedicated much of his time and attention to professional service. He provided exceptional service to the Department of Sociology, the University of Montana, Missoula, the City and County of Missoula, and the State of Montana. Of special note is his service on numerous municipal boards and commissions, sharing his expertise on juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, and correctional practices.

The Department unanimously voted to nominate Professor Burfeind for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments