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ITEM 184-1002-R0919

Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Casey Charles, the University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Casey Charles from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express their appreciation for his 24 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

Professor Casey Charles earned his B.A. in English Literature at the University of California—Santa Cruz, his M.A. in English Literature and Certificate of Composition Instruction at San Francisco State University, his J.D. at the University of California, and his Ph.D. in English Literature at the State University of New York—Buffalo. His dissertation title was “Desire and Love In Late Medieval and Renaissance Literature.” He was hired as an Assistant Professor in 1994, became an Associate Professor in 1998, and was promoted to Full Professor in 2006.

Professor Charles is the author of novels, poetry, and scholarly works, including *The Monkey Cages* (novel), *Zicatela* (poetry), *The Trials of Christopher Mann* (novel), *Blood Work* (poetry), *The Sharon Kowalski Case: Lesbian and Gay Rights on Trial*, and *Critical Queer Studies: Law, Film, and Fiction in Contemporary America*. Professor Charles presented papers at numerous conferences, including the Shakespeare Association of America, the Abroad Writers Conference (Italy), International Congress on Medieval Studies, San Miguel Poetry Conference (Mexico) and the College Composition and Communication Conference.

Professor Charles enjoyed teaching undergraduate and graduate students in his courses, which included Shakespeare, Film, Critical Theory, Queer Studies, and Literature and Law. He also served the university and department in important ways. He served as English Department Chair (2006-2009), as UFA Grievance Officer (2014-2016), and as a leader in the Outfield Alliance, UM Allies, University Standards Committee, and the International Programs Advisory Committee composition. Through his teaching and service, Professor Charles made our department and university a more humane learning environment.

The Department of English is very pleased to nominate Professor Casey Charles for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments