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Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus on Jeffrey Greene, University of Montana

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Jeffrey Greene from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express their appreciation for his 25 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 Greene earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of South Carolina in 1992 and joined the Political Science Department at the University of Montana in 1993. He served as director of the Political Science Department's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program from 2005 to 2017.

By far Professor Greene's most lasting impact will be his contribution to the education of generations of professionals in public administration. Beginning in 2001, Greene helped with creating a new MPA online program, making it one of a handful of MPA graduate programs nationwide to offer the degree totally online. Both the MPA campus and online degree programs became highly successful (with over 120 students enrolled.) Professor Greene also travelled regularly to Helena offering graduate public administration courses. At the time about half the students in MPA program were career professionals located in the state capital and the MPA program was taught on campus and in Helena in partnership with MSU. In addition, Professor Greene advised UM's Political Science National Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA), and worked with the student organization in reaching out to state political leaders and citizens. Under his mentorship, the student group won many national awards (including Best Chapter and Best Advisor.)

Professor Greene has distinguished himself as a respected scholar in the area of state and local government. In addition to publishing three books and several articles, Jeff developed a scholarly interest in the budgeting and policymaking process in Montana. His knowledge of the Montana state budget and state politics has been sought and valued in Missoula and beyond. For over twenty years, he represented Montana on the Western State's Roundtable on Budgeting and Policy at Western Political Science Association meetings, and on various public forums. Professor Greene played an important service role on campus in addition to his contributions to the areas of teaching and scholarship. Beginning in the mid-1990s, he worked with the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, and organized the first National Issues Forum (NIF), a public policy institute at UM. Under his direction and leadership, the NIF hosted several policy forums at UM open to the Missoula community. Over a ten-year period, Professor Greene worked diligently with the Kettering Foundation to secure several grants, including support for the School of Journalism's *Footbridge Forum* series on public radio. He brought together the Department of Political Science, Davidson Honors College, and School of Journalism with community members and stakeholders from all over the state to discuss in depth fundamental policy issues and implementation strategies at the national, state, and local levels.

The Department of Political Science is pleased to nominate Professor Jeffrey Greene for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments