

June 30, 2020

**ITEM 189-2702-C0620**

**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Associate Professor Emerita of Educational Theory and Practice upon Dr. Cindy Dell, Montana State University Billings**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Cindy Dell from Montana State University Billings, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for her service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Cindy Dell holds a BS in Psychology (1989) from Eastern Montana College, a Master's Degree in Special Education, Personnel and Guidance, (1990) from Montana State University Billings and an Education Doctorate from Montana State University in Adult and Higher Education. Dr. Dell has served the College of Education for 32 years. She worked as an Academic Advisor for the College of Education from 1995-1998, and as the Director of Certification and Field Experiences from 1998-2004. She served as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Education from 2004-2020, and most recently she has also served as the Department Chair of the College of Education. Dr. Dell sets a very high standard for teaching, leadership and student advising. As a teacher, Dr. Dell has proven to be highly innovative in her practices in online education, being one of the first faculty to embrace online teaching on our campus. As a colleague she has always been willing to share her knowledge, and support and mentor other faculty. Dr. Dell has been recognized several times for her teaching and is the winner of the ASMUSB Outstanding Faculty Award (2013), and the Disability Services Outstanding Faculty Award (2010).

Since becoming a faculty member, Dr. Dell has eight peer-reviewed publications and seventeen professional presentations. A recently published paper was the winner of the Knowledge Award for the Literacy Research and Practice Journal. In addition to this scholarly work, Dr. Dell has been a leader in accreditation, leading the College of Education through a number of accreditation reviews, serving as chief review writer. Dr. Dell has served on the CAEP and NCATE Board of Examiners.

Dr. Dell's leadership has been invaluable to the College of Education. She has served on the Academic Senate, including the executive committee, the Student Success Committee, has chaired the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and was the Vice-Chair of the IRB.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Cindy Dell the rank of Associate Professor Emerita of Educational Theory and Practice at Montana State University Billings.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

None