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ITEM 197-1008-R1121

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of the Sociology Department on Dr. Kathy J Kuipers; University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Kathy Kuipers from the faculty of UM-Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 17 years of tireless and impactful service to the Department of Sociology and the University of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor Kuipers earned her B.A. in Sociology from Western Michigan University, and then went onto earn two M.A. degrees in Sociology; one from Washington State University and one from Stanford University. After earning her Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University, she arrived at the University of Montana in 2004 and served the Sociology Department until May 2021 when she retired.

Professor Kuipers was a tireless mentor, teacher, and advocate for students during her time at the University of Montana (UM). She taught courses in the Sociology Department's inequality and social justice option area, including Social Psychology, Social Statistics, ISJ capstone, and a graduate-level Quantitative Research Methods class. Her excellence in the classroom was recognized with the 2017 William Reynolds Award from the College of Humanities and Sciences. This award recognizes faculty members who teach across the curriculum at UM.

Professor Kuipers enthusiastically mentored undergraduate and graduate students in research. During her time at UM, she supervised dozens of Sociology students' Master's theses and undergraduate honors theses. She invited the most promising students to join her Social Psychology Research Group, which she founded and directed for many years. Professor Kuipers co-authored scholarly articles, grants, and conference presentations with students. Her own research on identity, stigma, and shame was published in prominent sociological journals such as *The American Sociologist* and *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*, among others.

Professor Kuipers also generously dedicated her time to service during her time at UM. She served as the Graduate Director for the Sociology Department, was the faculty advisor for Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology honors society, and served on UM's Women's Studies Executive Committee for much of her time on campus. Professor Kuipers was also an enthusiastic and well-regarded leader within the Pacific Sociological Association. She held a variety of offices in the association, including Chair of the Publications Committee, Council Member, Program Committee Member, and Editorial Board member for its journal, *Sociological Perspectives*. She was elected, and served, as Vice President of the association for 2018-19.

The Sociology Department is thrilled to recommend Professor Kuipers for Emeritus status, which is duly warranted given her long record of distinguished service at the University of Montana as a teacher, scholar, and citizen.

ATTACHMENTS

None