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ITEM 196-2003-R0921**Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Counseling upon Dr. Mark Nelson; Montana State University**

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Mark Nelson from the College of Education, Health and Human Development at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the state of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Nelson has served MSU, the Department of Health and Human Development and Extension for 26 years in a variety of roles.

Dr. Nelson published, presented, and taught in the school counseling field, publishing 30 peer-reviewed journal articles, 9 books (includes 3 second editions and 3 revisions translated into Chinese, and 1 book chapter). He wrote and published books on the design and implementation of teaching curricula for school counselors to use at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These books have been used in one or more school districts in every state of the U.S. and in more than 20 foreign countries. In addition, the books were translated into Chinese. He collaborated in the design and development of the original GEAR-UP grant for the State of Montana and wrote a section of the grant that resulted in \$525,000. He has presented at over 50 local, state, regional, national, and international conferences.

Dr. Nelson also has a long history of service to MSU including serving as department head for three years, numerous departmental, college and university committees, as well as a long history of professional service. For the state, he chaired a task force: School Counseling Leadership Initiative. This task force included key stakeholders (e.g., deputy commissioner of higher education, Montana Board of Public Education representative, president of Montana School Board Association, president of Montana School Administrators, division administrators from Montana Office of Public Instruction). This group's task was to improve and expand the presence of school counseling in Montana schools.

Dr. Nelson is the original founder and editor of the online *Journal of School Counseling (JSC)* and has served as co-editor since its inception in 2003 (19 years). It continues to be one of the premier journals in the field of school counseling and has continuously brought recognition to MSU for hosting.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer on Dr. Mark Nelson the rank of Professor Emeritus of Counseling at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None