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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Management Information Systems on Dr. Cameron Lawrence, The University of Montana—Missoula

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Cameron Lawrence from the faculty of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his dedicated and valued service to the University and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Lawrence first joined the University of Montana as an adjunct faculty. His love of teaching and for our students prompted him to pursue a doctorate, which he earned at the prestigious London School of Economics. He returned to the University of Montana and joined the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department. Professor Lawrence rose rapidly to the rank of Associate Professor, and then Professor, and has served as Chair of the Department from 2019 to 2021.

Professor Lawrence's contribution to our institution is best summarized by the phrase "innovation that serves students." Among his notable achievements, Dr. Lawrence helped reinvent and reimagine the introductory MIS course in the College of Business. Over the past 15 years, this revolutionized course has been recognized (and replicated) globally because of its ability to attract, engage, and retain students in MIS. In addition, Professor Lawrence has been on the cutting edge of partnering with Montana businesses to incorporate real-world experiential learning into his courses. These partnerships have led to hundreds of job opportunities for our students. In addition, Dr. Lawrence has received several Merit Awards and Outstanding MIS Faculty Awards.

Professor Lawrence has remained an active and engaged researcher for the duration of his career. His pedagogical research, largely based on his own teaching innovations, has been downloaded over one thousand times, and he has served on numerous conference and editorial boards.

Professor Lawrence played an important service role on campus in addition to his contributions in the areas of teaching and research. He was heavily involved in the Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs (MADE) program, and has consistently provided service to the College of Business and UM around initiatives that bring students and businesses together for the betterment of both groups. His creation of forward-looking strategic partnerships will benefit the College of Business and our students long after his retirement. Finally, in addition to his contributions to the University of Montana, Professor Lawrence has contributed to the state of Montana as a smokejumper, successful entrepreneur, and business owner.

The Management Information Systems Department is pleased to nominate Professor Lawrence for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None.