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ITEM 212-1506-R0524

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Mining Engineering on Dr. Paul Conrad;
Montana Technological University**

THAT

The Mining Engineering Department of Montana Tech, consisting of Dr. Thomas Camm P.E., Professor, Dr. Abhishek Choudhury P.E., Associate Professor, Mr. Chris Roos P.E., Assistant Professor and Dr. Scott Rosenthal P.E., Associate Professor and Department Head, wish to nominate Dr. Paul Conrad as Professor Emeritus of Mining Engineering at Montana Tech together with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereto appertaining.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Paul Conrad grew up in Pennsylvania, and after a short stint in an underground coal mine driving shuttle car, decided a degree in engineering would be a better life path. Dr. Conrad was a first-generation college graduate when he completed his BS in Mining Engineering at Pennsylvania State University in 1982. Dr. Conrad's first work experience was focused on highways and civil engineering projects. Somewhere along the way, Dr. Conrad decided he needed to earn his MS which he also completed at Pennsylvania State University in 1990. Upon graduation, Dr. Conrad worked on engineering projects as a consultant.

Dr. Conrad completed his Mining Engineering PhD in 2002 at the University of Kentucky where he conducted research on the Starfire High Quality Tree Reforestation Project. Dr. Conrad started his career at Montana Tech in 2003 as Assistant Professor Mining Engineering. Promotion to Associate Professor occurred in 2007 and to Professor in 2013. Dr. Conrad is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Pennsylvania and a long-time member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME), especially active in the Coal & Energy Division. The Practical Underground Mining class in the Underground Mine Research Center was first established by Dr. Conrad. Dr. Conrad was a key link in the articulation agreement and transfer of British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) students to Montana Tech.

Dr. Conrad dedicated and served a distinguished 21-year career at Montana Tech. For the first 10 years of his academic career, Dr. Conrad saw near continual turnover in the Mining Engineering Department. Dr. Conrad led recruitment, and was invaluable in helping the current faculty settle in, leading to a long period of zero faculty turnover in the department.

ATTACHMENTS

None