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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emerita of Accounting Technology on Lisa Swallow; University of Montana-Missoula College

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Lisa Swallow from the faculty of Missoula College, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her 30 years of dedicated and valued service to Missoula College and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor Lisa Swallow's commitment to the field of Accounting Technology, recognition in the state as a leading educator, contributions to countless individual students, and her initiative in bridging technology with accounting practices have earned her the respect of professionals in Missoula, across Montana, and throughout the region.

Early in her career, Professor Swallow was recognized for her innovative approaches to incorporating technology into accounting education, significantly enhancing the practical skills of her students. She earned her Master's in Accountancy from California State University complementing her undergraduate degree in Business Administration. She also holds a minor in Political Science, a graduate certificate in Sustainable Business and she is a Certified Managerial Accountant as well as a Certified Public Accountant. Her varied and interdisciplinary interests allowed her to connect with a diverse range of individuals from all walks of life. Professor Swallow is equally adept at demystifying the complexities of accounting software to novices as she is in discussing advanced technological trends with seasoned professionals.

Her knowledge base is profound, but it's her dedication, passion, and the personalized attention she gives to each student that made her a transformative member of our faculty. One of Professor Swallow's strengths was her ability to identify the unique needs and strengths of a student, guiding them to achieve more than they thought possible. She has consistently emphasized the importance of ethical standards, accuracy, and integrity in accounting practices, imparting these values to her students year after year.

The field of Accounting Technology is challenging, requiring both precision and adaptability. Professor Swallow has been instrumental in developing a curriculum that not only meets current industry standards but also anticipates future trends. Her ability to foster an environment that encourages critical thinking and innovation has been celebrated widely. Her extensive influence as an educator extends beyond the classroom, leaving a lasting impact on her students' professional lives.

Throughout her career, Professor Swallow has remained highly attuned to the ever-changing landscape of accounting and technology, making her a pivotal figure in the evolution of the accounting program at Missoula College. Her enthusiasm for sharing knowledge, whether through detailed lectures on complex accounting software or by mentoring students on career development, has been invaluable.

Accounting Technology is a demanding field that requires both intellectual rigor and practical skills. Over the course of her career, Professor Swallow has made significant contributions to the education of accounting professionals, enriching the community of Missoula and beyond. Her impact as a mentor,

educator, innovator, and advocate is extensive and showcases a lifetime of contributions to education in Accounting Technology.

She has taught undergraduate and graduate classes for UM's Department of Public Administration, College of Business and also the Davidson Honors College. She has given numerous presentations, is widely published and is a valued member of the Missoula Community. Her service to the University of Montana and greater Missoula Community does not go unnoticed with her representation on numerous boards, councils, associations and committees throughout the course of her career. She also has somehow managed to find time to run her own side business consulting in business planning and tax preparation.

Professor Lisa Swallow is an exemplary educator, profoundly deserving of recognition as an Emeritus Professor of Accounting Technology. The Business and Technology Department and Missoula College is pleased to nominate Lisa Swallow for emeritus status.

ATTACHMENTS

None