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ITEM 217-2001-R0325

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry upon Dr. Martin Teintze; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Martin Teintze from 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

Professor Teintze joined the faculty of Montana State University in 1992 as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and became a leader in biochemistry teaching and research at MSU. Among his major teaching contributions was his leadership in transforming BCH 380 (General Biochemistry, formerly BCHM 340) into a high-level course that better prepared students for medical school, dental school, or graduate school in the life sciences. BCH 380 is a service course (100 – 200 students per semester) that provides an intensive survey of biochemistry for students in engineering and biological sciences, as well as those planning to apply to medical or dental schools.

As an MSU faculty member, Dr. Teintze was fully committed to excellence in teaching. He was most noted for his inspiring lectures, his command of scientific knowledge, his dedication, and his extraordinary concern for and availability to his students. His combination of knowledge, intellect, and devotion to students made him a star in the classroom, where he routinely received very high student evaluations even when teaching some of the most demanding classes on campus. Student evaluations frequently lauded the clarity of his teaching, his responsiveness to students, his passion for the field, and his genuine kindness and generosity.

Dr. Teintze's service to our department and to MSU has been extensive. He served on the departmental Graduate Recruiting Committee, the Graduate Program Committee, and the Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC). He served on the UPC even while Director of WWAMI, and up until the time of his retirement, and his long experience in the department was a great benefit to this committee. In addition to committee work, Dr. Teintze served as advisor to most majors in the department. At the university level, Dr. Teintze served on the Core Curriculum Committee, the Executive Committee for the NSF IGERT on Complex Biological Systems, the Executive Committee for the NIH BRIN grant, the Molecular Biosciences Graduate Program Advisory Board, and the Radiation Safety Committee.

Perhaps most significant is Dr. Teintze's role as the Director of the WWAMI Medical Education program, which has thrived under his leadership from 2009 until his retirement in 2024, while providing opportunities for Montana students to pursue medical degrees in order to serve the people of Montana.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Martin Teintze the rank of Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None