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Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology upon Dr. Matthew McMullen; Montana State University Billings

THAT

Upon the retirement of Dr. Matthew McMullen from the faculty of Montana State University Billings, the faculty of the Department of Psychology extends its appreciation for his years of dedication and meritorious service to the University, city of Billings, and state of Montana. In recognition of his 29 years of service, we recommend that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology be conferred on Dr. Matthew McMullen by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Dr. McMullen earned his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Indiana University in 1995. He began teaching at MSU Billings in 1996, was awarded tenure in 2002, and promoted to the rank of Full Professor in 2007.

Dr. McMullen's research focuses on the psychology of motivation. He has presented his research at numerous conferences and published papers in the most prestigious journals in the field. Dr. McMullen received a National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grant in 2001 as the sole principal investigator. This was the first grant of its type at MSU Billings and required the creation of the university's first federally registered Institutional Review Board (IRB). Several of the students whose research was assisted by this grant continued their education in doctoral programs in psychology.

In 2007, Dr. McMullen was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and was a visiting professor at Heidelberg University in Germany. He won the Faculty Achievement Award in 2006. In the summer of 2011, as part of international outreach, he taught at Guangxi Medical University in China, which resulted in a wave of Chinese students attending MSU Billings to study psychology.

Throughout his teaching career, Dr. McMullen has maintained very high student evaluations in an extensive list of courses. He has advised numerous master's theses and undergraduate senior theses, and helped dozens of students prepare presentations for the annual MSU Billings Research and Creativity Symposium. Dr. McMullen's former students have gone on to successful careers helping people in Billings and the surrounding region.

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

ATTACHMENTS

None