

ITEM 223-1006-R0326

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus on Cheryl Galipeau – University of Montana-Missoula College

THAT

At the retirement of Cheryl Galipeau, the faculty of the University of Montana, and Missoula College in particular, would like to express a profound appreciation of three decades of conscientious, diligent, and impactful service to Missoula College, the University, and the State of Montana by recommending the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Associate Professor Cheryl Galipeau has dedicated thirty-three years to serving the students at Missoula College. Students have much appreciated her patience and caring. Further, she has provided superlative service and support for fellow faculty and staff. She has maintained an amiable and welcome presence at Missoula College, and all have benefited from her consistent and constant dedication.

Cheryl graduated from the University of Montana in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She spent most of the next decade working in management of business accounts, inventories, and a variety of other duties. She earned a teacher certification for business education and began teaching computer applications at the Continuing Education department in 1993. In 1996, she became a full-time instructor at Missoula College. In 1999, she earned a Master of Education. From there, she earned the rank of Associate Professor at Missoula College and has received 3 merit awards over her tenure.

In teaching, Cheryl has exhibited a passion and care for students. She has consistently advocated for students, to improve resources for students, and to push for adequate lab resources. She mentored hundreds of students during her tenure and helped many of those students to gain internships through her business community connections. She has also remained willing to adopt courses that are outside of her normal range of courses. She adopted the personal finance course and the Introduction to Computer Modelling courses, quickly acquiring mastery in these areas and providing outstanding instruction. Even more spectacular, she studied and acquired the Certified Cloud Practitioner Industry certification from Amazon Web Services and became the second teacher in Montana to begin teaching Cloud Computing. She has since re-certified for this course and has demonstrated strong competency outside her primary discipline as well as within.

Cheryl has been an outstanding colleague and collaborator at Missoula College and is much appreciated by her colleagues. She served for seven years in total as the Department Chair for the Business and Technology department and eleven years as the Administrative Management Program Director. She has demonstrated strong leadership at the college and a willingness to take on responsibility. Even more, her organized and thoughtful diligence led to smooth sailing under her leadership. She filled these roles with caring and mentorship that facilitated harmony in the department. In addition to these administrative roles, Cheryl also served in leadership roles for the Missoula College Faculty Association where she advocated for faculty rights and improved conditions. Cheryl has consistently demonstrated her care for her fellow faculty.

Cheryl Galipeau has enhanced Missoula College and the lives of many students. She represents decades of diligent work and support for the Missoula College mission. Her career of three decades is an example to

all faculty at the college. Thus, we at the Business and Technology Department at Missoula College enthusiastically recommend Cheryl for Emeritus Status to recognize such dedication and service and to hopefully continue to maintain her relationship with the University.

ATTACHMENTS

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