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**ITEM 176-1002-R0917**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Psychology on Lois Muir – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Lois Muir from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for her years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon her by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Lois Muir earned a Master's Degree in Family and Child Development from Auburn University in 1978, and a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1982. She joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Montana in 2000, and served as the University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2000-2006. During the 2007-2008 academic year, Professor Muir was Provost at Zayed University, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

As a Professor in the Department of Psychology at UM, Dr. Muir was a successful scholar and mentor, engaging numerous undergraduate and graduate-level students in her parent-infant research lab. Her research on parent-infant relationships and patterns of infant attachment is based on a unique longitudinal study that began in the third trimester of pregnancy with follow-up studies at six weeks, one year, two years, and nine years. These research projects resulted in a number of joint presentations at international conferences such as the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, the International Conference on Infant Studies, the Society for Research in Human Development, and the Society for Research in Child Development, as well as publications in journals such as *Parenting: Science and Practice*.

During her tenure in the Department of Psychology, Dr. Muir regularly taught undergraduate courses in Research Methods, Developmental Psychology, and History and Systems of Psychology; in addition, she taught the graduate core course in Advanced Developmental Psychology and an advanced special topics seminar on "Parents and Infants".

As an active member of the university community, Professor Muir served on the Library Committee, Academic Officers Council, Provost's Writing Committee, Campus Development Committee, Academic Planning Council, Enrollment Management Council, and the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee. Within the department, Dr. Muir was a member of the Experimental Area from 2006-2017, and chaired the scholarship committee throughout that time. Her professional service also extended beyond the University of Montana, including being an International Peer Reviewer for the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, Republic of Georgia; a reviewer for the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Spring 2011; and Chair of the Council of Chief Academic Officers, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the United Arab Emirates. Since 2001, Professor Muir has also been a member of the International Women's Forum.

Based on these accomplishments and professional contributions, the Department of Psychology is pleased to nominate Professor Lois Muir for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments