

September 13-14, 2017

**ITEM 176-1004-R0917**

**Request for authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Liberal Studies on Stewart Justman – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Stewart Justman from the faculty of the University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his 41 years of dedicated and valued service by requesting that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Justman earned his Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1976 and joined the English Department in 1975. Professor Justman was promoted to Associate Professor in 1980, and to Professor in 1986. He served as Director of Liberal Studies from 2007 to 2016.

Professor Justman was a highly respected teacher and mentor to many generations of University of Montana students. His teaching was engaging and rigorous. He took seriously the task of demanding that students think critically and write clearly. His long experience as a teacher of English Composition ensured that all of his students were better writers at the end of his courses. It was not uncommon for him to hear, decades later, from students in many walks of life who thanked him for teaching them to write.

Professor Justman is the author of twelve books and numerous articles. His research covered the length and breadth of the western humanistic tradition; he published on Aesop, Homer and Chaucer, as well as Montaigne, Shakespeare, Adam Smith, J.S. Mill, Dickens, Tolstoy, Freud, and Orwell to name but a few writers. Professor Justman took seriously the University's commitment to "great books" and had a command of the classics from ancient to modern. In 2004 he received the prestigious P.E.N. Award for the Art of the Essay, a first for the University of Montana.

In the past 15 years Professor Justman's research and publications have extended to the field of medicine and medical humanities. He has published four well-received books and 22 articles. A forthcoming book will further his research on the placebo effect. He has served on a number of national committees as a rare non-medical voice among physicians.

Professor Justman demonstrated his commitment to University service through several tours of duty on the Faculty Senate. Other important (and time-consuming) assignments include the Appeals Committee and the Discrimination Grievance Committee.

The Liberal Studies Program is honored and pleased to nominate Professor Justman for the title of Professor Emeritus.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

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