ACADEMIC SENATE PROPOSAL TRACKING SHEET

(Document To Be Originated By the Academic Senate Secretary On Canary Color Paper)

Proposal # 20-09	Title:	Emeritus Status for Professor Thomas Welch	NOV 2 0 2020

(Proposal explanation, submitter and college dean signatures on attached program/degree or course revision form.)

All proposals MUST have their originating college faculty body (Ex. Arts & Sciences, Education and Nursing; Technical Sciences) approval and must be signed by the submitter and the college dean before being submitted to the Academic Senate Secretary.

- 1. Submit all proposals (using the appropriate Academic Senate program/degree and/or course revision forms or General Education Inclusion form) to the Academic Senate Secretary. NOTE: Level 1 or Level 2 forms must be submitted concurrent with this proposal where applicable. For Education proposals, PEU approval must be received prior to forwarding the proposal to the Senate.
- 2. The Academic Senate Secretary logs and numbers items and forwards them to the appropriate Academic Senate subcommittee(s): General Education (if applicable), or Curriculum. A transmittal e-mail will be sent to the Recording Secretary of the receiving committee, cc Provost's Administrative Assistant, by the Academic Senate Secretary. A digital copy of the proposal will be linked on the Academic Senate Proposal page by the Academic Senate Secretary.
- 3. The Academic Senate subcommittee(s) consider(s) the proposal. If approved, the proposal is returned to the Academic Senate Secretary for forwarding to the next committee. If a committee disapproves the proposal, the originator may request that the item be forwarded to the next body for consideration. The committee will provide written rationale to the originator, via the Academic Senate, when a proposal is disapproved and the proposal is returned to the originator. Upon completion of committee action, the proposal will be returned to the Academic Senate Secretary, and a transmittal e-mail sent by the Committee Recorder to the Senate Secretary, cc Provost's Administrative Assistant.
- The Academic Senate considers the proposal and recommends approval or disapproval. If approved, the proposal is forwarded to the Provost for consideration. If the Academic Senate disapproves the proposal, the originator may request that the item be forwarded to the Full Faculty for consideration, utilizing the procedures set forth in the Senate Bylaws. The Academic Senate will provide written rationale to the originator when proposals are disapproved and the proposal is returned to the originator.
- 5. Approved proposals will be forwarded to the Provost. The Provost approves or disapproves the proposal. If approved, the proposal is then forwarded to the Chancellor. From this point forward, the Provost's Administrative Assistant will update the Proposal page on the website.
- The Chancellor approves or disapproves the proposal.
- The proposal will then either be implemented or referred to MSU for further action. The tracking page on the Provost site will be updated as required.

Subcommittee and Academic Senate college representatives will notify their respective colleges' of the progress of submitted proposals or the

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proposal may be tracked via the web page -- http://www.msun.edu/admin/provost/senate/proposals.htm

Documentation and forms for the curriculum process is also available on the web page: http://www.msun.edu/admin/provost/forms.htm

*****(If a proposal is disapproved at any level, it is returned through the Academic Senate secretary and the Senate President, to the Dean of the submitting college who then notifies the originator.

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NOTE: The secretary of the Academic Senate will update the Academic Senate Proposal web page from initial receipt until the proposal reaches the Provost. The Provost's Administrative Assistant will ensure that the current status of each proposal is maintained on the Academic Senate Proposal web page from that point forward. *Abstract and pre-approval required for new programs ONLY.
Academic Senate Form 1 (Revised 3/21/2012)

Office of the Chancellor

TO: Dr. Carol Reifschneider, Academic Senate Chair

FROM: Mr. Gregory Kegel, Chancellor

DATE: November 19, 2020

SUBJ: Emeritus status for Professor Thomas Welch

I received the nomination for Professor Thomas Welch to receive Emeritus status.

The next step required in administrative policy, "502.2 Emeriti", is as follows:

... During the semester following the nomination, the appropriate Dean or Director will oversee the documentation package to support the emeritus nomination. This documentation shall attest to scholarly performance, teaching, and service to Montana State University Northern. A committee consisting of all tenured faculty members serving in the college of the retiree will review the documentation and make a recommendation to the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The provost will in turn make a recommendation to the Chancellor. ...

The complete policy can be found on the MSUN website.

Encl: Nomination memo

Xc: Provost Moisey



Steven Don Professor, Diesel Technology Chair, College of Technical Sciences

DATE: October 12, 2020

TO: Dr. R. Neil Moisey, Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs

FROM: College of Technical Sciences, Montana State University-Northern

RE: Professor Emeritus nomination for Professor Thomas (Tom) Welch

In accordance with MSU-Northern Policy 502.2 Emeriti, MSU-Northern College of Technical Sciences faculty recommends the conferment of the title of *Professor Emeritus* to Professor Thomas (Tom) Welch, who retired this past spring.

Tom, a Professor in Agricultural Technology, began his teaching career at the former Northern Montana College (NMC) in 1981, and has progressed through the ranks to Professor. He attained a 4-year Bachelor of Science Agricultural Education from South Dakota State University (1979) and a Master's of Science Agricultural Education from Montana State University (1984). Previous to becoming an educator at Northern, Tom spent time in Malta, MT, teaching high school vocational agriculture and serving as the FFA club advisor.

As a member of the faculty of MSU-Northern, Tom helped develop the Agriculture Technology A.A.S. degree, and in 1996, the Agriculture Operations Technology Bachelor of Science degree. He also co-developed the Applied Agriculture Minor.

Tom was actively involved with the MSU-Northern campus. He was actively involved with various organizations and committees on campus, including: starting the MSU-N Professional Agricultural Student (PAS) club in 1982, and served as the PAS Club advisor for 38 years; SkillsUSA contest Chair-person (Chapter Business Procedures for 38 years, and Small Engines contest for 13 years); faculty Academic Senate member, has participated in several faculty and staff search committees; and taught "Cabin Fever Institute" courses and community workshops.

Off-campus, Tom was very involved with the local and regional community, especially in the agriculture world. He named and co-developed the "Cabin Fever Institute", served as President of the Montana Aggies, is an active member of the Havre Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee, and was a member of several educational organizations (for example, Association for Career & Technical education, Montana Agricultural Education Association, and the National Agricultural Educators Association).

Over the years, Tom has received numerous awards, both on campus and from off campus entities. Some of his recent awards include: "Outstanding Agricultural Advocate Award" (2005 from the Havre Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee); "Golden N Award" (2017 from the MSU-Northern Associated Students for service given to MSU-Northern students); and "Friends of Montana 4-H Award" (2019 for commitment to the Montana 4-H program, members and leaders).

Tom has influenced the education and careers of numerous students across many disciplines. He has developed and maintained rigorous lecture and lab environments which positively

enhanced student learning. As part of his academic responsibilities, Professor Welch has been a very active advisor for students needing assistance in academic advising, career preparation, employment and exposing them to career opportunities in their chosen career fields.

Professor Tom Welch has truly been a valuable asset to many programs on this campus, and an asset to the College of Technical Sciences, MSU-Northern, and Havre. He has, through his role as an educator, positively influenced the lives of many students, faculty and community members. He is very deserving of the title of Professor Emeritus, a title he has truly earned. Therefore, the faculty of the College of Technical Sciences whole heartedly recommends that Professor Thomas Welch be awarded the title of **Professor Emeritus**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Don

Professor, Diesel Technology

Chair, College of Technical Sciences