

## **Recommendation to the Mohave County Community College District Governing Board for Emeritus Recognition.**

**Nominee:** Shawn Bristle

**Institution:** Mohave Community College

**Date:** April 18, 2025

It is with immense pleasure and without reservation that I recommend Shawn Bristle for Emeritus status, recognizing his exceptional and enduring contributions to Mohave Community College over the majority of his distinguished professional career. Shawn's unwavering dedication, leadership, and profound commitment to the success of students, faculty, staff, and the wider community make him an exemplary candidate for this prestigious honor, the attributes for which include Length of Service, Excellence in Performance, Contributions to the Community College, Service to the College and Community, Professional Conduct, and Institutional Legacy.

From his hire as fulltime Faculty in 2001 to Division Chair (now Associate Dean), to his impactful leadership as BHC Campus Dean from 2009 to 2017, on to the Chief Officer of various divisions, from 2017-2024, and finally a return to campus leadership in Kingman, Shawn has consistently demonstrated a remarkable ability to identify needs, develop strategic solutions, and inspire positive change.

Recognizing the critical importance of engaging future students, Shawn spearheaded the implementation of dual enrollment programs in high schools, providing invaluable opportunities for students to access college-level coursework. As campus dean, he conceived and launched ConCom (Connection to the Community), an innovative on-campus event that has since evolved into the district-wide Bighorn Trek, providing a vibrant introduction to Mohave College's programs, faculty, and student services.

His tenure as Campus Dean was particularly noteworthy for his proactive and comprehensive approach to crisis management, meticulously developing a calendar of essential trainings, realistic tabletop exercises, and critical live drills. Shawn's commitment to the Mohave Community College Foundation is equally remarkable with his tireless volunteer efforts, spanning hundreds of hours, culminating in the creation of a highly successful annual choir event, ensuring vital resources for student support and institutional advancement.

As the Strategic Planning Committee Cochair, Shawn's willingness to serve in diverse capacities fostered a collaborative environment vital to the strategic planning process. His ability to bring together diverse stakeholders from across campuses ensured a unified and impactful strategic direction for MCC. His dedication and collaborative approach have been instrumental in driving the strategic planning process forward effectively.

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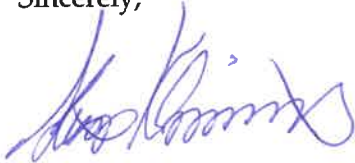
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In conclusion, while countless other examples could be cited, Shawn Bristle's decades of dedicated service and transformative leadership have profoundly benefited Mohave Community College and the communities it serves. His innovative initiatives, his commitment to student success, his exemplary leadership, and his unwavering dedication to the college's mission make him an exceptionally deserving candidate for Emeritus status. Honoring Shawn with this award would be a fitting tribute to his remarkable career and a powerful affirmation of the values he so consistently embodies.

Sincerely,



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President  
Mohave Community College