



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Biology Department

Biology Department Recommendation for Emeritus Appointment of Dr. Terry M. Trier

Dr. Trier served as an Assistant Professor in the Biology Department from 1997-2003 and as an Associate Professor from 2003-2017 before retiring from Grand Valley State University at the end of the fall, 2017 semester. At its final department meeting of the fall semester on December 14, 2017, the Biology Department faculty voted unanimously in favor of recommending Dr. Trier for Emeritus appointment. The following briefly describes our rationale in support of this nomination.

During his career at Grand Valley State University, Dr. Trier routinely taught a variety of courses including BIO 121 General Biology II, BIO 232 Natural History of Invertebrates, and BIO 432 Comparative Animal Physiology. He also developed and taught BIO 317 Principles of Animal Nutrition as a service to the students enrolled in the Pre-Veterinary Medicine emphasis of the Biology Major, allowing them to satisfy all of their veterinary school admission requirements at GVSU. Dr. Trier consistently received very favorable evaluations by his students in all of these courses, a testament to the extraordinary efforts he invested in keeping these courses current and relevant. Dr. Trier provided crucial service to the Department as the course coordinator for BIO 121, as the regular faculty advisor to the 100+ Pre-Veterinary emphasis students enrolled annually, and as the faculty advisor for the Pre-Veterinary Club. Dr. Trier was particularly effective in his role as advisor and mentor for the Pre-Veterinary students, helping GVSU students achieve one of the highest rates of acceptance into the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, with numerous placements at other regional and international veterinary schools. Throughout his career, Dr. Trier maintained his collaborative scholarship with colleagues in the United States Forest Service and Michigan Department of Natural resources, leading to student research opportunities, development of a supporting web site, and several publications on the physiological aspects of forest insect pests. Dr. Trier served as a research mentor for both undergraduate and graduate students, and was a member of various professional societies including the National Association of Biology Teachers, the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, the Northern Association of Physiological Ecologists, the Michigan Entomological Society, and the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Literature. Above all, Dr. Trier was commended by his colleagues for his untiring efforts and consistently collegial contributions in all areas of professional responsibility.

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