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Dr. Melissa Dobosh, Faculty Senate Chair  
University of Northern Iowa  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Dear Faculty Senate Chair,

I support Dr. PN Rao's application for Emeritus status in the Department of Applied Engineering & Technical Management at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). Dr. Rao has served UNI as a faculty member since September 2001. He has earned tenure and promotions to associated professor and full professor. He has recently participated in a Fulbright Scholar opportunity, while doing so he also worked to assist UNI in partnering with universities in India. Dr. Rao has been a contributing member of the manufacturing engineering technology programs as well as worked closely with multiple graduate students.

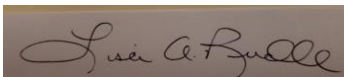
Some areas where Dr. Ras has assisted include:

- served as a member of the Dept Graduate Committee;
- establishing 3+1, 4+1 and 3+2 partnerships with other universities.
- served as a member of the Dept Curriculum Committee;
- served the department as the coordinator of the Mfg Engr Tech program;
- served the department as Graduate program coordinator;
- served the department on various committees: scholarship, assessment & continuous improvement;
- served as advisor/co-advisor/member of multiple doctoral and master students;
- designed and redesigned courses for manufacturing, CAD, machine design, and manufacturing processes;
- served the industry on various conference planning committees, publication reviews, conference presentations, journal reviews, and multiple other contributions to the field of manufacturing.

In addition to service and representing the department and programs Dr. Rao has multiple publications, national and international presentations, and a multitude of conference papers and presentations as well as technical book reviews and books he has authored in the area of manufacturing processes.

Dr. Rao has been a colleague and mentor to faculty and graduate students since 2001.

Respectfully,



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