

October 25, 2024

Dear Faculty Senate:

I am writing to express my strong support for Alicja Boruta-Sadkowski's application for emeritus status. Alicja started her distinguished career at UNI in 1995 as an instructor in the Modern Languages department. She later transitioned to the History Department where she served as an instructor from 2007 until her retirement in July 2024. Alicja began teaching online courses for the Office of Online and Distance Education in 2009. I had the opportunity to collaborate with Alicja on her online teaching, and I can confidently say that she is an outstanding educator.

Alicja has diligently served the university for 29 years. Her dedication to her students is evident in all aspects of her teaching, and her passion for Russian history is contagious. In addition to her teaching, Alicja authored several scholarly publications and participated in numerous professional development opportunities which include serving as a visiting professor for Shanghai DianJi University.

Her department head, Dr. Jennifer McNabb stated, "Professor Boruta-Sadkowski provided many years of valuable instruction in the History and Non-Western Humanities LAC curriculum at UNI. During her teaching career she was an effective advocate for students and a fine colleague. Her popular and engaging courses in Russian history helped increase the cultural competence and content knowledge of thousands of UNI undergraduate students across campus."

During her time at UNI, Alicja has been a valued and important member of the faculty in the History Department and for Online and Distance Education. I greatly appreciated Alicja's unwavering commitment to teaching online and to serving distance education students. She will be missed by all who had the opportunity to work with her.

Alicja has significantly impacted the education of her students, and I believe that her contributions should be recognized. I strongly endorse Alicja's application for emeritus status and ask that you give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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