

March 24, 2026

To whom it may concern,

As department head of economics, I verify that Dr. Bryce Kanago has provided more than 26 years of meritorious service to the University of Northern Iowa. Specifically, Dr. Kanago has been employed at the University of Northern Iowa since August 1999 and will retire from UNI in June 2026.

Please refer to my letter of support for more details regarding Dr. Kanago's meritorious service to UNI.

Sincerely,

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Department Head & Robert J. Waller Professor of Economics

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Dr. Alexa Clements, Chair
University Faculty Senate
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

Dear Dr. Clements & University Faculty Senate members,

I am honored to support **Dr. Bryce Kanago's** application for **emeritus status** at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Kanago has devotedly served UNI for over 26 years. The epitome of a teacher-scholar, Bryce has been a dedicated instructor, published in quality journals, mentored numerous students and colleagues, and provided above-and-beyond service.

Bryce has been a dedicated teacher who puts extensive effort and thought into his classroom preparation. One of Bryce's strengths is the variety of courses he has taught, and his willingness to develop new ones. Bryce handles more preps than most faculty in the department and the college, teaches multiple modalities, and leads required courses at all levels, from freshman to senior, with varying class sizes. The university has benefited greatly from his willingness to embrace such diverse teaching responsibilities. His teaching efforts earned him our college's top teaching award in 2006.

Colleagues frequently seek Bryce's advice regarding curriculum, especially with online teaching technology. During the pandemic, Bryce was a resource to many colleagues in setting up and using online resources. He continued these efforts by participating in reading groups on high-impact practices in online education, attending continuing education opportunities, and serving as the college's go-to liaison for both Blackboard Ultra and digital accessibility.

Bryce's broad research area is monetary economics, with a focus on inflation and business cycles. His research in this area has been published in high-ranking outlets, including several A and Q1 journals based on the ABDC and SJR rankings. His expertise also led to a publication in the highly ranked *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*.

Bryce's research portfolio spans a range of areas and outlets, demonstrating his ability to apply his economic toolbox to a variety of relevant problems. Beyond inflation and business cycles, he has published papers on baseball and discrimination, drunk driving, and asset pricing during war. He has supervised several student research projects and spearheaded our department's undergraduate research program. A notable feature of Bryce's scholarly output is that he has

consistently produced high-quality work while expanding his teaching contributions (i.e., course offerings) and taking on greater service responsibilities. Further, he used his expertise to provide insight and guidance to news reporters and other media outlets regarding rapidly changing economic conditions.

In service, Bryce has gone above and beyond the call of duty, as illustrated by his recognition as the winner of UNI's Ross A. Nielsen Professional Service Award in 2024. Bryce's service contributions to the university would necessitate an entire letter of its own, so I will focus on a few select service contributions. Bryce has advised all economics students interested in graduate school. Bryce takes the time to get to know students personally, helps them plan out courses to prepare for graduate school, and guides them through any exams and the graduate school application process. Bryce puts in extra effort to ensure students feel supported and are successful. One of Bryce's greatest contributions to the university has been his role in curriculum efforts. Bryce has led our department's curriculum efforts as well as the college's. During his time on the college's faculty senate from 2001-2008, he served and chaired the curriculum subcommittee. His role in curriculum continued when he took over as chair of the college faculty senate from 2010-2017. Since 2021, he has served on the University Curriculum Committee.

Beyond advising and curriculum, Bryce has chaired and served on numerous search committees, was integral in designing new teaching assessment tools for the university and served on multiple awards committees. Again, I have only highlighted his recent service activities, which alone set a high bar of achievement.

On a personal note, I have known Bryce for almost 20 years and have a unique perspective, having known him as a student, colleague, and now as the department head. He was my advisor when I was an undergraduate student and guided me through the graduate school preparation and application process. It was evident then, and still now, that Bryce has a genuine interest in student success. I am only one of many students who have benefited from his guidance.

I offer my strongest support for Dr. Kanago's appointment to emeritus status.

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