

August 20, 2025

Dr. Alexa Clements, Chair UNI Faculty Senate University of Northern Iowa

Dear Alexa and Senators,

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Lisa Riedle for status as a UNI emeritus faculty member.

Dr. Riedle began her time at UNI in August 2015 as professor and head of what until recently was the Department of Applied Engineering and Technical Management; she retired this summer to pursue a new position as Dean of the Crossland College of Technology at Pittsburg State University. During her time at UNI, Lisa oversaw the renovation of what is now the Applied Engineering Building, led the department through several accreditation and re-accreditation processes, developed new programs in Automation Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology in consultation with faculty and industry advisory boards, collaborated on the first engineering program at UNI, and worked with department faculty and staff to develop a shared culture of continuous improvement. Lisa is also a passionate supporter of STEM education, especially for girls and younger children and, through her work with Dr. Beth VanMeeteren, coupled this with funded hands-on opportunities for AETM students to create STEM ED materials to be used by classroom teachers.

On behalf of the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa for her service to the institution, and to wish her well in her new position.

Sincerely,

Maureen Clayton Associate Dean

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