

December 15, 2024

University of Northern Iowa Faculty Senate,

This letter verifies Dr. Shuaib Meachem's work with UNI to support his application for Emeritus status. His service with UNI commenced in the Summer of 2013 as an adjunct, followed by two years of work with the Center for Educational Transformation and an appointment as Associate Professor in the Fall of 2015 (August 17, 2015) that concluded at the end of Fall of 2024 (12/31/2024).

During Dr. Meachem's time at UNI, he was recognized by the Alpha Upsilon Alpha/Alpha Chapter of the University of Northern Iowa in 2014 with the *Support of Literacy Award*. He has collaborated actively with the K-12 education system and the Waterloo Community School District as the Hip-Hop Summer School program sponsor, traveling to China with school district students and teachers to perform their works at an international festival. He received a UNI presidential grant to participate in the *Imagining America National Gathering*, an annual convening of public scholars, artists, designers, students, and cultural organizers addressing our most pressing issues. Dr. Meacham has served in multiple partnerships with Waterloo CSD and KBBG Radio.

Dr. Meacham is the author of numerous publications and academic presentations on forms of literacy and connections with all students in culturally diverse educational environments. He served as a keynote speaker for Martin Luther King Day at Ellsworth Community College in 2015.

Dr. Meacham's service to UNI includes service on the *Community Engagement and Imagining America Exploratory Committee*, the *College of Education Senate*, and the organizing committee for the *Engage, Empower, Act Conference*. He has served on the *Diversity Advisory* and *Teacher Education Strategic Initiative* committees. He assisted in the development of the UNI response to the summer shootings of black males response in 2016. He has served the College of Education through his roles as search committee chair and the *Elementary Education Senate* representative. He has been a committee chair and member for multiple Ed.D. students.

Dr. Meacham's colleagues and friends in the College of Education thank him for his service, wish him well in his continued work in the community, and congratulate him on his retirement from an impactful professional career.

Regards



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