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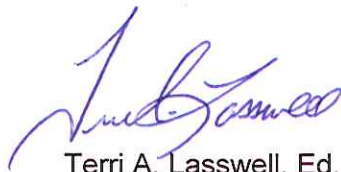
The following is to provide support of emeritus status for Tom Blaine.

Tom Blaine began his career at UNI as a student teaching coordinator in 1999 after having taught at both the University of Dubuque and Westmar University for a total of 20 years in higher education. He was a high school administrator and teacher during the previous 24 years and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our future teachers. While at UNI, Tom worked with numerous students each year first in the Northeast Iowa Regional Student Teaching Center and later in the Des Moines Regional Center. His responsibilities included placing and supervising multiple student teachers each year, providing ongoing mentoring, evaluating performance, and teaching seminars. A large part of his responsibility included serving as a liaison between the local schools and the greater University.

Tom's assignment did not require that he complete extensive service or research. However, during his tenure, Tom demonstrated leadership in submitting publications, providing multiple presentations, and engaging in grant writing.

Most notable to the Department of Teaching was Tom's willingness to step forward and take a leadership role. As chair of the Office of Student Field Experience (OSFE) group, he assume leadership in the revising and submission of the student teaching handbook for publication through Kendall-Hunt.

On behalf of the Department of Teaching, I highly support Tom's nomination to emeritus status.



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