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Dear Members of the Faculty Senate:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Languages & Literatures to support Ms. Molly Cormaney's application for Emeritus Faculty status at the University of Northern Iowa. Over various semesters from 2002 to 2019, Ms. Cormaney served as an adjunct faculty member in the-then Department of English Language & Literature and in that department's successor, the current Department of Languages & Literatures. She also taught regularly within the then-Women's Studies program, which has since become the Women's and Gender Studies program.

Though Ms. Cormaney worked a different full-time job during the time when she was on our faculty, she was able to offer night courses that were of particular interest to students whose schedules made daytime classes difficult to arrange. Within the English program, she offered the composition class, College Writing & Research, as well as a specialty section of Introduction to Literature that was subtitled "Madness, Monsters & Mayhem," and which was regularly offered due to its popularity with students. Ms. Cormaney's flexibility also allowed her to often teach the Introduction to Women's Studies class, which remains the gateway course to that program.

In our department files, there is a letter from 2013 thanking Ms. Cormaney for being a "significant influence" on a student's growth as a writer as a result of that student's experience in a writing-enhanced section of Ms. Cormaney's Introduction to Literature class. We were sorry when enrollment declines made it impossible to continue to have Ms. Cormaney teaching for us. One of my predecessors noted that Ms. Cormaney was "absolutely a pleasure to work with. She was always gracious about delayed contracts and even canceled sections."

During her time at UNI, Ms. Cormaney was a versatile and inspirational instructor, and I fully support her application for emeritus faculty status. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Jim O'Loughlin
Department Head