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Dear Members of the Faculty Senate,

We are pleased to have the chance to provide this letter in support of our colleague, Ivonne Cuadra, as she seeks Emeritus Status at the University of Northern Iowa.

Dr. Cuadra was a vibrant and versatile teacher who taught almost 40 different courses in our curriculum. She designed courses to be delivered both face to face and online, and taught everything from entry level Spanish coursework through advanced graduate coursework in Spanish. Notably, she also coordinated elementary Spanish coursework and helped train teaching assistants. Additionally, she taught and helped direct our Spanish M.A. abroad coursework in Santiago de Compostela, Spain and Querétaro, México and taught numerous graduate courses. Needless to say, she was truly an expert in the language, culture and literature of Latin America and Spain, and was always willing to develop or retool content and methods to serve our programs.

She devoted a great amount of time to her graduate students, directing or serving as a reader for more than 60 graduate research papers and serving in almost 100 comprehensive exam committees. She also did reading workshops in the community at Hawkeye Community College and the Waterloo Public Library. Dr. Cuadra also had numerous publications, including a book and several articles on Latin American Literature. She also published her creative work.

We appreciated Dr. Cuadra's devotion to teaching and scholarship, but especially want to recognize her ability to build bridges and friendships with students, such as those studying abroad in the M.A. programs, or with the community, such as with partners at Hawkeye Community College, or at our own campus, by designing and delivering coursework that extended into the Liberal Arts Core. She also guided numerous graduate students in their research and served on exam committees, always with grace, intelligence and humor.

We enjoyed and appreciated the years spent working with Ivonne, and we will miss her.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cooley

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