

Feb 11, 2022  
Prof. [Dennis Dahms](#)  
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Dear Faculty Senate:

I strongly support Dr. Dennis Dahms petition to obtain **faculty emeritus status** and become a **research associate**.

Dennis was a vital and critical member of the department throughout his long and storied career at UNI, and his continuing scholarly activity remains the envy of most of the university. He is an associate editor of *Catena*, one of Quaternary Geomorphology's premier journals, and just in the last two years he has published the following work:

2022 **Dahms**, Dennis, Markus Egli, W. C. McIntosh and N. W. Dunbar (In review). Age, geochemistry and geomorphic significance of new Lava Creek ash exposures from Lander, WY, USA. (*Geomorphology*).

2021 Markus Egli and **Dennis Dahms**. "Dynamic Soils"; Chapter 427 "Pedology" in *Encyclopedia of Soils in the Environment (2nd Ed.)*, Elsevier, 13p.

2020 Markus Egli, **Dennis Dahms**, Mike Dumitrescu, Farzaneh Derakhshan-Babaei, Marcus Christl, Dmitry Tikhomirov. "Landscape Evolution, post-LGM surface denudation and soil weathering processes from Dickinson Park mire, Wind River Range, Wyoming (USA)." *Geomorphology* 371, 107433; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geomorph.2020.107433>

2020 David Palacios, Chris R. Stokes, Fred M. Phillips, John J. Clague, Jesus Alcalá-Reygosa, Nuria Andres, Isandra Angel, Pierre-Henri Blard, Jason P. Briner, Brenda L. Hall, **Dennis Dahms**, Andrew S. Hein, Vincent Jomelli, Bryan G. Mark, Mateo A. Martini, Patricio Moreno, Jon Riedel, Esteban Sagredo, Nathan D. Stansell, Lorenzo Vazquez-Selem, Mathias Vuille, Dylan J. Ward. "The Deglaciation of the Americas during the Last Glacial Termination". *Earth-Science Reviews*, 203:103113. [doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103113](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103113).

Dennis is a fine scholar with a superior record of research and publication. He is highly regarded among his contemporaries in the field of Quaternary Geomorphology and Geochronology. He has placed his work in many venues of note including in the journal of Science. His research is high quality, timely, and has brought considerable positive attention to UNI. He plans to continue to use the soils science lab in ITTC and his office and continue publishing.

Dennis brought much more to the table than just research, he remains an exceptional and dedicated teacher, from the classroom to advising to curriculum development. Further, his teaching remains broad-based in that it appeals to a range of students; he clearly focuses on presenting viewpoints that go beyond his discipline. I find it most impressive that his research record did not slow him from a sincere and intense dedication to the nature and quality of teaching. Dennis was and I hope remains a fine colleague. He was the archetype faculty member who contributes at all levels of a department, in teaching, research and service. Dennis was critical to the establishment of the BS in Environmental Resource Management at UNI. He remains a person who is willing to drop everything to help the unit as a whole move forward in any direction it needs to go.

Dennis is a person of character. He is honest, ethical, straightforward but most pleasant, and he works well with all around him, from the student to the university president. He is energetic and vivacious in personality, and he continuously engages people and the system in a positive way.

I strongly recommend that you give him your fullest consideration for **faculty emeritus status** and as a **research associate**.

Sincerely,

