

Dr. Burnight:

As a department we support Dr. David W. May's request to become an emeritus professor at UNI. Since Dave's hire here at UNI, his performance has been consistently recognized beyond the Department.

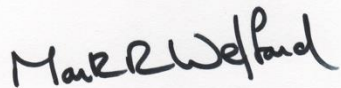
Dave was a committed and effective teacher throughout his career here at UNI – he received the CSBS's *Outstanding Teaching Award* and the UNI's 2000 *Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching*, and was named by the Board of Regents as the recipient of the *Regent's Award for Faculty Excellence* in 2001.

In scholarship, 1998, Dave was recipient of the *J. Warren Nystrom Award* of the Association of American Geographers for the most significant research paper based on a dissertation. In 2001, he was recognized as 'one of the leading geomorphologists working in the Great Plains' (P.F. McDowell); 'one of the half dozen top Quaternary stratigraphers in the Central Great Plains' and 'the premier geoarchaeologist of Nebraska ... and a big deal to those of us in geoarchaeology' (W.C. Johnson).

Dave's service to the department was consistently extensive, significant and excellent. He was the department's graduate coordinator for a decade, growing the graduate program under his tutelage to be the largest within CSBS by 2000.

Please consider Dave's emeritus request. He is somebody who has, in addition to his research and service, profoundly impacted many UNI students.

Sincerely



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