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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to support Professor Carol A. Weisenberger's application for Emeritus status. Dr. Weisenberger joined the faculty of the Department of History, at the University of Northern Iowa, in August 1989, as the result of the search for a historian to offer courses in the newly created interdisciplinary Public Policy Program. She was a fortuitous hire for all concerned, since in her thirty years at UNI she has developed a commendable record of instructional, service, and scholarly contributions to the university and the Cedar Valley community. Throughout her years here, she has remained deeply involved in the Public Policy Program, annually offering the course History and U.S. Public Policy, as well as serving for six years as Associate Director of the program and as acting director on two later occasions. Her instructional contributions to the Department of History include providing the Liberal Arts Core courses American Civilization (now History of the United States) and Humanities III. Her courses offered in our major have included, but are not limited to, Introduction to the Study of History; U.S. History since 1877; Recent U.S. History; U.S. History from 1919-1945; U.S. History from 1929-1960; U.S. Economic History; and History of Iowa. In addition, she has contributed to the evolving delivery of distance education in a variety of ways. She initially provided several U.S. history courses, first as traditional correspondence courses and then made the transition to Guided Independent Study. She later delivered an evening class in Iowa history over the Iowa Communications Network. As a result, Professor Weisenberger was well-prepared to help launch the distance education Social Science Masters for Teachers graduate program over the ICN and later through Adobe Connect. She has taught a course in this program to every cohort since the program's inception in 2007, and she will do so again this summer. Most recently, she made the transition to electronic course delivery in the restructured Public Policy Program, offering History and U.S. Public Policy over Adobe Connect.

Dr. Weisenberger's service contributions are too numerous to discuss in depth in this letter. Suffice it to say that she has served on numerous departmental search and standing committees, such as Graduate Studies, Curriculum, and Diversity. Typical of her service to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are her contributions as chair of the CSBS Senate and membership on the CSBS Diversity Council. She served the university for many years as a member of the Committee on Admission and Retention. She has also contributed to UNI's community engagement efforts, not only through her work in various dimensions of distance

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education but also as a teacher in the Lifelong Learning Program on several occasions and through her efforts on behalf of improving race relations through her participation in community study circles.

We are fortunate to have had Carol Weisenberger as a member of our department, college, university, and the Cedar Valley community. She will be retiring from UNI on June 30, 2019. She has admirably served UNI for the last thirty years, and I trust you will honor her request for Emeritus status. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert F. Martin".

Robert F. Martin
Professor and Head