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To Whom it May Concern:

It is the privilege of the Department of Special Education and the Interim Department Head of Curriculum and Instruction to recommend Dr. Susan Larson Etscheidt for Emeritus Status at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Etscheidt has served at UNI since 2006 as a special education professor for undergraduate and graduate programs. During her tenure at UNI, she received the following awards in recognition of her work at UNI:

- Iowa School Psychologist Association Outstanding Service Award - 2019
- Class of 1943 Award for Teaching Excellence - 2015
- Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award - 2011-2012
- Winterstein Memorial Award for Meritorious Achievement in the Field of Special Education - 2007
- Board of Regents State of Iowa Award for Faculty Excellence - 1999-2000
- University of Northern Iowa College of Education Excellence in Teaching Award - 1996
- Outstanding Service to Behavioral Disorders Award, Iowa Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders - 1989-1990

Dr. Etscheidt has published 30 books, chapters, and peer-reviewed publications while at UNI and rendered 2 published legal decisions during that time in her role as an Administrative Law Judge and Mediator for the State of Iowa. She has made 10 international conference presentations and 17 invited presentations at national conferences and presented 6 papers at national conferences. She has made 36 invited state-level presentations. During her tenure at UNI, she has provided 38 service presentations and consultancies to area educational organizations and schools.

Dr. Etscheidt currently serves on the Editorial Boards of Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities, Journal of Disability Policy Studies, and Journal of Special Education Technology. She continues to serve as an Administrative Law Judge/State Mediator for the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Dyslexia Task Force, and the Central Rivers Area Education Agency Advisory Board. She has served on numerous committees over her years at UNI and has served as a member of the Iowa Department of Education Special Education Advisory Panel from 2013-2016.

Dr. Susan Etscheidt has served as a valuable member of the faculty of UNI and remains active in her retirement as an educator and advocate for persons with disabilities. Her colleagues join me in wishing her well in her retirement and recommend her highly for Emeritus status.

Sincerely,



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