

August 18, 2019

Faculty Senate
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614

Re: Dr. Terri Lasswell
Emeritus Status

Dear Dr. Mattingly:

This recommendation letter summarizes Dr. Terri Lasswell's professional contributions and informs a recommendation for emeritus status.

Dr. Lasswell began her career as a health and physical education teacher in 1978 and over the years moved into educational administration and higher education. She was the Head Women's Basketball coach at UNI from 1989-1995. During those years she served as the national co-chair for the Basketball Academy of the Affiliated National Coaches Council (NAGWS).

After earning her doctorate from UNI in Curriculum and Instruction in 2009, she joined the UNI faculty in 2011 and served as a student teaching coordinator, working closely with teachers and principals in the Cedar Valley schools to support the success of UNI student teachers. Dr. Lasswell was responsible for placement and overseeing the supervision of a large number of student teachers each semester. Her ability to make positive connections with the education system, skillfully manage logistics, and effectively interact with a wide variety of partners and students contributed to the positive image of the University of Northern Iowa in the Cedar Valley. Her teaching and supervision were consistently rated as excellent and her national service and scholarly work in teacher evaluation and formative assessment earned her promotion to associate professor in 2017.

In 2015 Dr. Lasswell assumed the position of department head for the Department of Teaching. During her years in this position she led change initiatives that right-sized the supervision responsibilities of field experience supervisors. Her work in outreach projects is noteworthy, developing partnerships with local school districts to recruit minority students to enter UNI and the teaching profession. In her role as associate dean for undergraduate education she continued efforts to promote the diversification of the teacher education workforce.

The Department of Teaching and the College of Education have benefitted from the leadership of Dr. Lasswell in the educator preparation program. She has made lasting contributions to the Department of Teaching, University of Northern Iowa, and the field of teacher education. I support her request for the honor of emeritus status.

Respectfully,



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