

March 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to support Jay T. Lees's request for Emeritus status. After teaching for several years on a temporary basis at Tulane and Louisiana State Universities, Jay joined the Department of History, at the University of Northern Iowa, in August 1987.

During his years at UNI, Professor Lees's career has demonstrated a commendable balance of scholarship, service, and teaching, which led in 2005 to his receipt of the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence. The breadth of his knowledge, his flare for the dramatic, and his commitment to students and his ability to engage with them has made him an exceptionally able and very popular teacher among those in his History courses, Humanities classes, and Honors seminars. His skill in the classroom was recognized in 2004 when he received the Class of 1943 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Lees will be retiring from UNI at the end of June 2018 and will be greatly missed by students, colleagues, and friends across campus. He has admirably served the University of Northern Iowa for the last thirty-one years, and I trust that you will honor his request for Emeritus status. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Martin
Professor and Head