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To Whom It May Concern:

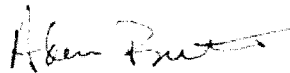
I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Linda Walsh's application for Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Northern Iowa.

Linda is a beloved professor at UNI. After receiving her Ph.D. in 1975 from the University of Chicago, Linda came to UNI to teach Biopsychology and related courses. Linda was known for taking intimidating material--the brain--and making it accessible and engaging. Her focus was always on student learning. For example, in addition to the usual content, her syllabi include numerous suggestions about how students can be successful. Even though the content was difficult, her classes always filled quickly.

Although she began her research career investigating rat ingestive behaviors, she transitioned to the scholarship of teaching and learning after developing an allergy to rats. For many years, Linda was the co-advisor for the UNI's Psychology Club and was instrumental in organizing the department's annual student research conference which grew into a regional conference featuring student work from nearby colleges. Linda is very active in the Iowa Teachers of Psychology, where she has played a prominent role in organizing their annual conference for college, community college, and high school psychology teachers in the state. She has authored a number of materials and exercises for teaching about the brain and behavior.

Linda was a highly engaged faculty member throughout her 44-year tenure in the department of psychology at UNI. She is highly deserving of emeritus faculty status.

Sincerely,



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Professor and Head