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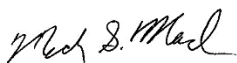
Members of the Faculty Senate,

Please accept this letter of support for Joe Gorton's Emeritus request. Dr. Joe Gorton was a respected faculty member at the University of Northern Iowa from August 1998 to June 2020. During this time, some of his most noteworthy contributions included publishing one scholarly book and six articles in refereed publications. He was the primary investigator for six externally funded grants totaling \$162,637, chaired six successful graduate thesis committees, and served as the Graduate Program Coordinator for the Criminology Master's Degree Program from 2007-2010.

During his tenure at UNI, Dr. Gorton served as President of United Faculty, UNI Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, from 2013 through 2018. During 2015 and 2016, he was instrumental in initiating a university wide suicidality reduction project. This included leadership for creation of the One Is Too Many program and serving as a member of the grant writing team for the successful application of a federal suicidality reduction grant in the amount of \$360,000. From 2011 to 2013 Dr. Gorton was the Faculty Advisor for UNI's Military and Student Veterans Association. In this position, he helped this organization grow substantially, established a long-term leadership development plan, and worked with students and the administration to create the UNI Military and Student Veterans Center. For this work, Dr. Gorton received the Meritorious Service Award, University of Northern Iowa Military and Veterans Association in 2013.

To summarize, Dr. Joe Gorton was a passionate, dedicated faculty member at UNI from 1998 to 2020. Thus, it is my honor to support his Emeritus request.

Sincerely,



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