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To Chair Burnright, Faculty Senators, and Colleagues:

Please consider this letter as my strong support and recommendation to grant emerita status to Ceramics Professor JoAnn Schnabel.

JoAnn has taught at UNI since 1990. In her 31 years of service, she has developed a comprehensive and highly successful ceramics studio. She has overseen countless BA and BFA students; she has taught Art classes from Foundations to Professional Practices; she has advised Northern Iowa Potters (NIPS); and she has advocated for the best equipment to help hone student skills and understanding of multiple methods of firing and glazing. She has also served on countless university, college, and departmental committees, helping shape the department, college, and UNI over the years.

Moreover, JoAnn is an active professional artist; she received the illustrious Fulbright Fellowship to be senior lecturer at Anadolu University in Eskishehir, Turkey, in 2016; she has had numerous artist residencies, including in Kecskemét Hungary (2010), New Castle, Maine (2011), and Rome, Italy (2016); her work has been published in national and international art journals since 1991; she continues to be invited to exhibit at regional, national, and international venues; she has been commissioned for public art projects here at UNI and in Maine; and she has served on the board of directors for the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts since 1993.

JoAnn's commitment to and promotion of UNI, the Art Department, undergraduate students, and ceramics as a medium, is exemplary. Her years of teaching, creative activity, and service here at UNI show her to be deserving of emerita status.

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